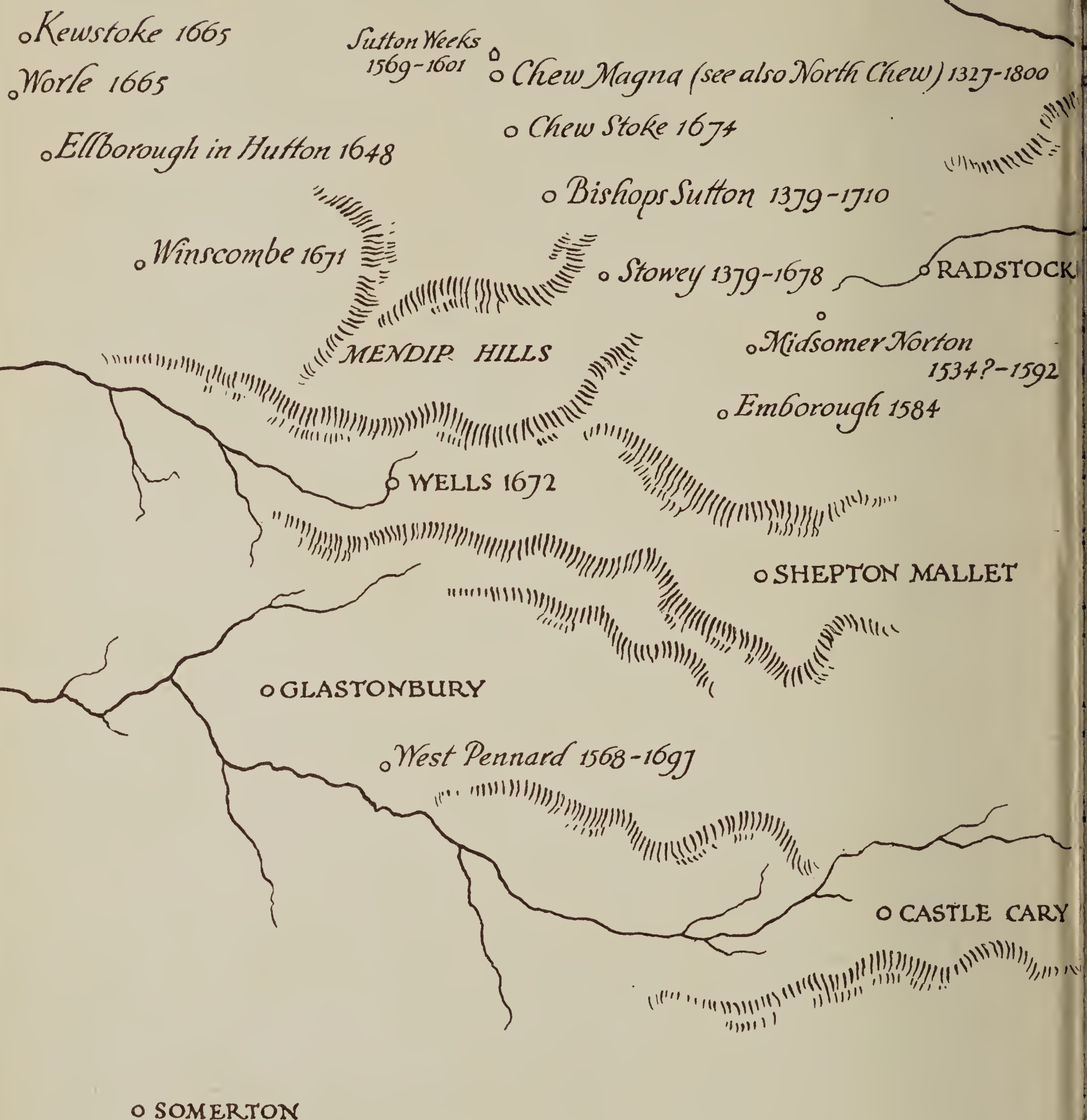






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THE RECORDS OF  
THE HEAL FAMILY





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### ARMS OF HEAL.

As granted in February, 1931, for the use of the descendants of John Harris Heal, Junior, of London; born 1811, died 1876.

**Arms:** Vair, on a saltire gules, a lozenge argent, charged with an ermine spot sable.

**Crest:** A falcon, wings expanded, gorged with a wreath of laurel proper, and resting the dexter claw on a lozenge as in the arms.



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**N**OW that our researches have been brought to some kind of conclusion, it may be of interest to future generations—and even to the present—to know how and when these records came to be put together.

*The Times* of 17th October 1913 contained an article on the approaching demolition of the old farmhouse in Tottenham Court Road which had stood on the property called “Capper’s Farm” since 1776. This article followed closely upon the publication of a paper written by my father, and read by me before the London and Middlesex Archæological Association on the history of the old farm. These, and other references to the matter in the public press, were the means of bringing me into touch with certain distant connections of our family hitherto unknown to us.

The following year, 1914, just before the outbreak of the Great War, I received some interesting letters from two old maiden ladies living at Greenwich—the grand-daughters of Dr. William Bowle of Mere, who had married Anne Heal in 1798. This Dr. Bowle’s son had married his cousin Dorcas Gauntlett, the daughter of Mary Heal. Previous to this the name of Gauntlett had only come down to me in connection with a certain Betsy Gauntlett, who made—so my Aunt Brewer used to tell me—a dramatic and somewhat disconcerting entrance at my aunt’s wedding “at home” announcing herself as “Cousin Betsy Gauntlett—come up all the way from Devizes to see the Great Exhibition.” Later on I had a visit from the Misses Bowle and they were kind enough to bring me two or three



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old books in which previous owners had marked their succeeding ownership—autographs of William Heal, Dorcas Bowle (*née* Gauntlett), Mary Heal, J. Merryweather and J. Gauntlett—the dates running from 1776 to 1825.

In this way various promising clues as to the ramifications of the Heal family came into my hands, but nobody then living could weave the threads into a pattern. Former generations had failed to hand down any records save a few meagre entries in the Family Bible and these I found afterwards were neither accurate nor complete. The entries are confined to the years between 1725 and 1805 ; to these are added transcriptions from family tombstones, 1717–1852, evidently made by John Harris Heal II. I began to try to piece things together, but my preoccupation with the family history had hardly started when the events of August 1914 intervened.

It was not until the summer of 1921 that I returned to the search, and this came about more by chance than plan. On our way through to Dorset we stopped at Maiden Bradley, and the thought came to us to look at the family memorials there. My father had had them recut a few years previously and we noted the inscriptions. In the following spring my wife and I spent some days making a fairly systematic search of the Registers in the parishes of Maiden Bradley, Kingston Deverill, Mere, Gillingham and Hinton Charterhouse. These researches resulted in a large number of Heal records which in many instances were beyond our amateur efforts to piece together and we had to call in professional assistance. During

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1923 and 1924 a genealogist, Mr. W. Locke Radford of Ilminster, worked on our material, and by dint of many visits to the churches on the borders of Wiltshire and Somerset he was able to supplement our data by records from other Registers. Examination of wills at Wells and Salisbury provided further information.

By this time our Family Tree was attaining a very fair growth, but the main stem now developed a very awkward break which all our efforts failed to repair.

We had succeeded in tracing the direct line back as far as John Heal, whose children were baptised at Kingston Deverill between 1734-51, but despite all our efforts we were unable to identify this John Heal with the John Heal (d. 1781) who was buried alongside his father, Ambrose Heal (d. 1717), in the neighbouring village of Maiden Bradley. Probability pointed to the fact that these two Johns were one and the same, but definite proof for this important link was wanting.

It seemed that we had come to a deadlock, and from 1924 to 1928 we made very little headway. In 1928, however, we got into touch with another archivist, Mr. C. A. Bernau. Within a year he had not only bridged our awkward gap with undoubted proof, but exceeded all our expectations by extending the direct line through five more generations—back, in fact, to William Heal I, who died at Chew Magna in 1569. This successful result was only obtained after a great deal of intensive research among the Wells wills—the Probate Registries of Exeter, Salisbury, and those in the Prerogative Court of the Archbishop of Canter-



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bury, the Records of Chancery Proceedings, Hearth Tax Returns, Parish Registers and Census Returns, and old manorial records at Lambeth Palace, the Public Record Office, and elsewhere.

The net result as set forth in the following pages has been to trace back an unbroken line for 14 generations from William Heal, who was living at Chew Magna in 1523, down to John Harris, the infant son of Dr. John Carlton Heal, of Exeter.

The more remote descent of William Heal I (1523) of Chew from Roger de la Heale of Bradninch (1216-72) is quite problematical. This supposition is based largely on the fact that William Heal I of Chew gave two of his sons the names "Otes" and "Roger," which had been previously used in the Bradninch branch of the family—*see* pp. xxi, xxii, and 3.

From early in the fourteenth century we find our branch of the Heal family living the life of yeoman farmers in the eastern half of Somersetshire. For about 500 years (from *circa* 1327-1820) their homes were settled within the narrow limits of an area—roughly twenty-five miles square—lying between Bath and Shaftesbury on the east, and a line running from Bristol to Glastonbury on the west. The earliest records which we have show them living round and about Chew Magna on the north side of the Mendips. From thence there is a steady drift south and east, till in the middle of the seventeenth century we find them centred in the villages round Bruton. A little later there is another move eastward, to the neighbourhood south and north of Frome, at Gillingham, Mere, Maiden Bradley and the Deverills, and soon

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afterwards at Hinton Charterhouse and Combe Down near Bath.

At the opening of the nineteenth century we have Ambrose Heal, a small farmer, like his forebears, living with his wife, Rachel, and their three children in the hamlet of Milton in the Stour Valley. The only daughter, Betsy, marries Thomas Gauntlett in the year 1800 and presumably goes away to live at his home at Sherrington in Wiltshire. Following this marriage begins the break away from the farm life. Whether some quarrel developed between Ambrose and his two sons we do not know, but that something of this sort occurred seems likely, for in 1805—while Ambrose is a man still in his fifties—he draws up a will leaving everything to his wife—his farm and all his goods and chattels—nothing to either of the sons, John Harris and Ambrose. Just about this time the two boys leave home. Ambrose we know married Martha Standerwick at St. Anne's, Soho, in this same year (1805), but the date of marriage of the elder brother, John Harris, unfortunately, is not recorded. That he was married to Fanny Brewer before 1811 seems certain, for in that year their son John Harris the second was born. It is likely, therefore, that the two brothers came up to London to seek their fortunes about the time that their father made his will. Ambrose, we know, had set up in business by 1805, in partnership with Mr. Rood,\* as bedding manufacturer at 29 Old Compton Street. The elder brother, John Harris, joined a firm in Leicester Square, but he did not

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\* When Ambrose was married to Martha Standerwick at St. Anne's, Soho, in 1805, the register was signed by Roger Rood.



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set up for himself as a feather dresser, at 33 Rathbone Place, until 1810. Whether my tentative suggestion of some kind of family quarrel is correct or not, some reason seems to be called for to account for these two young men both leaving the Dorsetshire home at about the same time, though why the two of them should have selected to go into the feather bed business is something of a curious coincidence.\*

The father, Ambrose Heal, died and was buried at Gillingham in 1812. His widow, Rachel, seems to have followed her two sons up to London shortly afterwards, because we find when she died in 1827, aged 75, she was buried in St. Giles's Cemetery.

To forestall any curious critic who follows me, it may be as well to acknowledge frankly that young Ambrose delayed somewhat in fixing the wedding day with his bride, Martha Standerwick. The date of the ceremony at St. Anne's, Soho, was 13th June 1805, and the christening of their daughter Martha took place in the same church on 28th November in the same year. After only twenty-five years of, presumably successful, business life Ambrose retired and went back to Somerset to spend the rest of his days. He died at his house at Combe Down in 1837.

A not unnatural curiosity with regard to these two young men who came up to London to seek their fortunes has taken me away from the tale of our investigations. One of our pleasantest and most interesting visits was paid to William Bowle

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\* For further information as to this, *see* p. 118.

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Gauntlett at his fine old Queen Anne farmhouse—Brunton House, at Collingbourne Kingston. This visit was the outcome of a call he made on me in the way of business at Tottenham Court Road in 1923. Unfortunately I was abroad at the time, but a friendly message left on his card prompted us to write, and an invitation to lunch at Brunton House followed. Reference to the Gauntlett pedigree will show the inter-marriage of the Gauntlett and Heal families. The paternal and maternal grandmothers of W. B. Gauntlett were both Heals—Mary and Anne. A most vivid impression remains with us of this fine old gentleman, then in his ninetieth year, still hale and hearty, farming his sheep on I do not know how many thousand acres of down-land. For sixty years and more he had been regarded as a pioneer of modern methods in the West ; as early as 1863 he had introduced steam ploughing on to the Wiltshire downs, and at the age of 80 he had taught himself to drive a motor-car. He died in 1926, aged 92, leaving a widow and eleven children, a son and a daughter having predeceased him.

The Gauntletts are an old Wiltshire family dating back to the beginning of the sixteenth century ; the earliest one of whom we have specific record was George Gauntlett, who kept “The Green Dragon” in the Market Place at Devizes in the early part of the eighteenth century. Another branch of the family once owned the fine old manor-house at Netherhampton, near Wilton. At the time we went to see it, it was in the occupation of Sir Henry Newbolt, the poet. Their connection with the Heal family goes back to 1796, when John



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Gauntlett married Mary, the eldest daughter of William and Anne Heal at Hinton Charterhouse. This Anne Heal was a Miss Merewether and forms the link with the Merewether family of Mere Park, Wiltshire. Mary's cousin, Betsy Heal, daughter of Ambrose Heal and Rachel Harris, also married a Gauntlett.\*

To return to the tale of our investigations. By the middle of last year Mr. Bernau's researches had brought us within measurable distance of the end of our task and we were able to consider how to present this family record in permanent form. The shaping of this book and the greater part of the actual writing of it we owe to Mr. Bernau's professional acumen. Apart from the work which he has put into it, the Heal family—present and future—owe more to my wife Edith than to any one else. Her clear mind has never failed, not only to grasp, but to retain the numerous details of the genealogical problems in which we were involved. Without her peculiar faculty for threading these intricacies, and the keen interest which she has shown throughout, these records would not have been completed.

As the work grew from its original inception, as a simple diagrammatic Family Tree, to its present more elaborate form, the question of the cost of printing began to assume alarming proportions. I have, however, been entirely relieved of all expense in this direction by the generous offer of my brother Harold to take that burden entirely upon himself. If there are any criticisms to be

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\* See p. 117.

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made on the printing and general arrangement of the book they should be levelled at me, for I was given a free hand in this matter.

It was suggested—and I think quite properly—that a fitting crystallisation of our researches would be the grant of a coat of arms. I don't think that any of us were particularly drawn to the idea originally, but there are several young branches of the family beginning to spread out and it seemed the right time to take up the matter while the family pedigree was being registered by the College of Heralds. Here again I received an offer to share the cost, as far as our own branch was concerned, from my brother Harold. It is due to my cousin Carlton that the privilege of bearing the family arms has been extended to all descendants of John Harris Heal the second.

We found that the coat of arms was capable of many appropriate variations. Finally it was decided to make application for the coat illustrated in the frontispiece, as this seemed to afford the best combination of the traditional Heal arms. No motto has been adopted, so each member can indulge his individual taste in this matter.

Although much has been accomplished, there still remains field for further research for any member of the family who is genealogically minded. There are various loose ends that still remain to be tidied up; for example—What became of Ambrose Heal after he was last heard of from Mauritius in 1853? Our great-grandfather, John Harris Heal the first—when and where was he married to Fanny Brewer?

Other, and more recent, gaps I have failed to fill, for want of data, even within the last two

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generations while sons or daughters of the person inquired about are still living.

The history of the Standerwick family in particular calls for more investigation than we have been able to give to it. This ramification of the family had not engaged much of our attention until about six months ago. Even in this short time a good deal of spade work has been done which has produced interesting results ; notably the remote, but definite, connection with Daniel Defoe, the author of " Robinson Crusoe," and the explanation of the migration of our branch of the Heal family to London. (*See Appendix F.*)

The writer hopes, therefore, that these, and other shortcomings, will be made good by younger members of the family.

At the end of this book blank pages have been provided for present and future generations to complete and continue the family records.

AMBROSE HEAL.

BAYLIN'S FARM,  
BEACONSFIELD, BUCKS.  
1932.



# INTRODUCTION

**I**N the reign of Henry III (1216-1272) Roger de la Heale, or Roger Heale as he was also called, was lord of the manor of Hele or Heale, in the parish of Bradninch in Devonshire. From him all Heal, Heale and Hele families are believed to be descended.

As the Subsidy Rolls for the tything of Bishop Sutton in the parish of Chew Magna in Somerset tell us that a William atte Heale was living there in the years 1327 and 1332, it would appear that a son or grandson of Roger Heale, of Bradninch, had settled at Bishop Sutton, which is only about fifty miles from Bradninch.

From that time onwards, through the fourteenth, fifteenth, sixteenth, seventeenth, eighteenth, and nineteenth centuries, the descendants of William atte Heale were living at Bishop Sutton in Chew Magna.\* That they themselves in very early days recognised the descent of their earliest Chew Magna ancestor from Roger Heale, of Bradninch, (the father of Otho, or Otes), is perhaps indicated by the fact that William Heal, of Chew Magna, living in 1523, named two of his sons "Otys" and "Roger." Further, the great-great grandson of this William Heal of 1523 (John Heal, of Bishop Sutton, born 1648, died 1710), after making inquiries into the history of his family, most firmly believed that the Chew Magna line was an offshoot of the Heale or Hele family of Bradninch, clearly indicating this belief by naming

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\* The record of that branch of the family which remained in Chew Magna will be found in Appendix A.

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one of his sons "Warwick" after Sir Warwick Hele, whose descent from the above-named Roger de la Heale, of Bradninch, was known. At the same time this John Heal insisted on "at Heale" being the correct form of the surname, even going to the length of annotating the entries in the Chew Magna parish registers accordingly.\*

We have said that the descent of Sir Warwick Hele from Roger de la Heale, of Bradninch, was known. In 1620 Walter Hele, of Hele (father of a Warwick) gave the visiting Heralds full particulars of his proved descent from this Roger, whom he described as "Roger Hele of Hele in the hund. of Harwidge." He stated that Roger had two sons: Sir Roger Hele, of Hele, Kt., "lived temp. H.3," and Otho,† the father of Sir Roger Hele, Kt., "temp. E.1." He established his right to the old Hele coat of arms:

Arms: Argent, five fusils in pale gules, on the middle one a leopard's face or.

Crest: On a chapeau gules, turned up ermine, an eagle close argent,

by tracing his descent from the first of these two Sir Rogers, though he recorded that this Sir Roger Hele, who "lived temp. H.3," used as his arms:

Arms: A saltire vair, in chief a Catherine wheel.

At the same time, 1620, Ellis Heale, who was first cousin of the above-mentioned Walter Hele, was allowed to use still a third coat of arms:

Arms: Gules, five fusils in bend ermine.

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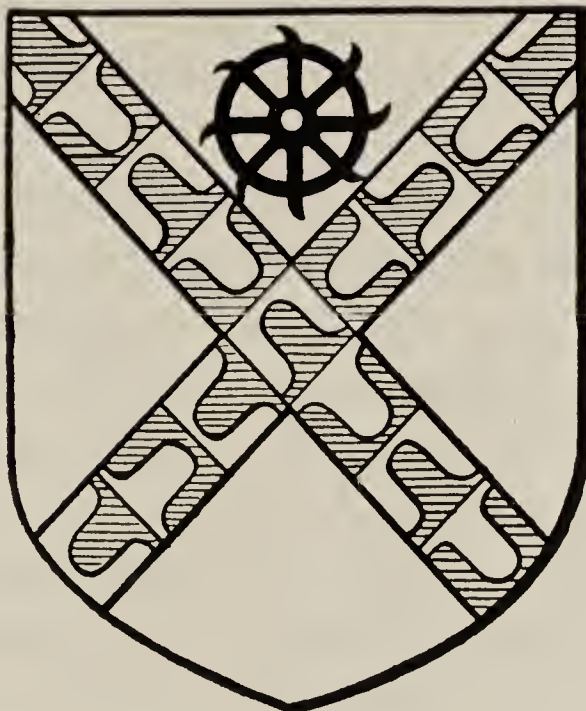
\* See pp. 60, 95-98.

† Otes, Otys or Oats is the English form of Otho.

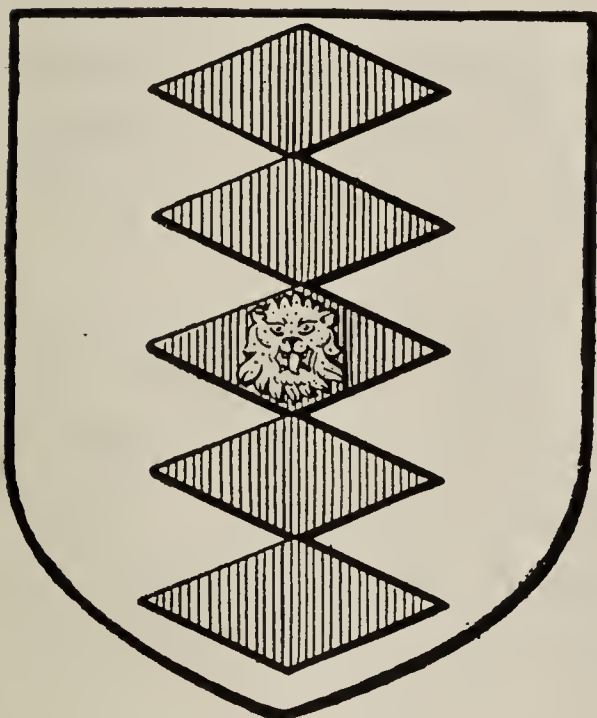


## HEAL COATS OF ARMS, 1620

The Hele Coats of Arms from the Heralds' Visitation of the County of Devon in 1620.

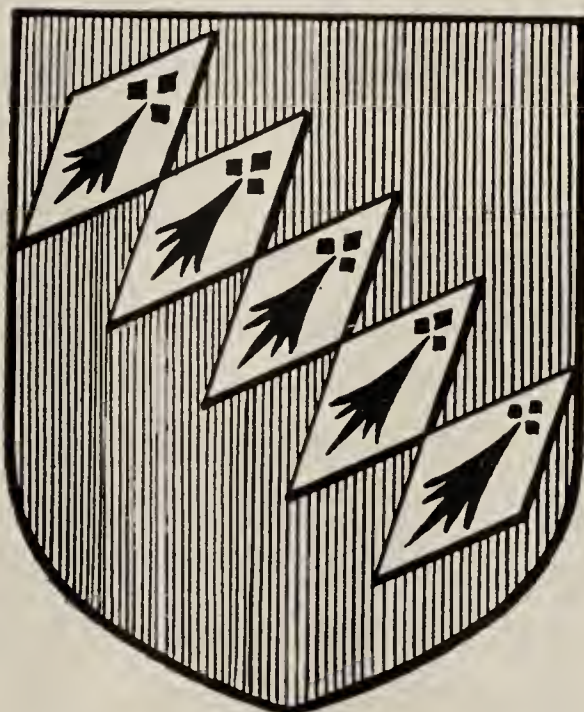


Sir Roger Hele, of Hele, knight, who lived in the reign of Henry III.  
Arms: A saltire vair, in chief a Catherine wheel.



Walter Hele, who recorded his pedigree at the Visitation of Devon, 1620. He was the father of a Warwick Hele and was descended from the above Sir Roger Hele, being separated from him by seven intervening generations.

Arms: Argent, five fusils in pale gules, on the middle one a leopard's face or.



Ellis Heale, of Bovey Tracey, who also recorded his pedigree at the Visitation of Devon, 1620. He was first cousin of the said Walter Hele.

Arms: Gules, five fusils in bend ermine.



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Crest : On a chapeau gules turned up ermine an eagle with wings expanded argent, beaked and legged or.\*

The Heale family of Highfield in Hertfordshire has also established its descent from the Hele family, of Hele, Devonshire.

In view of the above-described confusion in connection with the old armorial bearings of the family, we decided to put the matter beyond any dispute, and therefore petitioned the Earl Marshal to grant a fresh coat of arms for the use of Ambrose Heal and his descendants and by the other descendants of his grandfather, John Harris Heal (*see frontispiece*). On 23rd February 1931 we received a Patent worded as follows :

Arms : Vair, on a saltire gules, a lozenge argent, charged with an ermine spot sable.

Crest : A falcon, wings expanded, gorged with a wreath of laurel proper, and resting the dexter claw on a lozenge as in the arms.

Returning now to the history of our branch of the family. The early records relating to the manor of Chew are preserved at Lambeth Palace and the Public Record Office, London. They give us many interesting details of the activities of the Bishop Sutton family in the fourteenth and fifteenth centuries.

From these records we see that there must have been three or four generations (1353-1424) of Heals with the Christian name "John" following

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\* "The Visitation of Devon," Harleian Society's Publications, VI, pp. 145-147.

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the above-mentioned William atte Heale of 1327 and 1332. Then in 1459-1460 we have another William, who would probably be a brother of a Thomas who died in or shortly before 1463, leaving a widow Alice and a son John. William and Thomas would be the sons of the John of 1424, and Thomas's son John of 1463 would be the father of, or identical with, the Heal whose son William was living in 1523 (*see* p. 1). This gives us a very clear idea of the descent of the family in every generation from Roger de la Heale (who lived between the years 1216 and 1272) down to 1523, and from the last-named William Heal of 1523 the descent can be fully proved generation by generation right down to the present year, and in January 1931 it was, after careful examination by the Official Examiners, recorded at the College of Arms as a fully-proved pedigree.

The particulars we have gleaned from the above-mentioned early manor court rolls of Chew are :

1353. John atte Hele, of Chew, was fined three pence for breaking his undertaking to produce the defendant in an action for debt brought by Lucy de Knolle, the executrix of Maud de Woky, against John Beket, junior, and a further sum of three pence for breaking his undertaking to produce the same defendant in an action for trespass brought against Beket by John de Dunsterre.\*

1361. John atte Hele, of Chew, is mentioned as the surety of Henry — ( ? Shrigge),

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\* Lambeth Palace, Court Rolls, 1177.

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the plaintiff in an action brought against Robert atte Grene. During the same year John atte Hele, of Bishop Sutton, was fined for brewing without the lord's permission.\*

1373. John atte Hele, of Chew, was fined three pence for unjustly detaining forty shillings from John Wade.†

1379. John atte Hele, of Bishop Sutton, was fined six pence for brewing without the lord's permission. At the same Court, Richard atte Hele, of Stowey, was fined for the same offence, and John Hele, of North Chew, because he did not produce the defendant in an action for breach of covenant brought by William Strecchecote against John Strecchecote in accordance with his undertaking.‡

1382. John Hele, of Chew, stands as surety for John Offcorn in an action against William Whithefed.§

1390. John Hele and Geoffrey Bussh, both of Chew, occupied a large part of the business of the Court with their disputes. The roll for that year is very mutilated, still we learn from it that Hele had been setting gins on Bussh's land and in doing so it is alleged that he damaged Bussh's hedges. Hele owed Bussh fifteen pence rent for a cow-shed, but declines to pay an extra sum of five pence which Bussh

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\* Lambeth Palace, Court Rolls, 1178.

† Lambeth Palace, Court Rolls, 1180.

‡ Lambeth Palace, Court Rolls, 351.

§ Lambeth Palace, Court Rolls, 1181.



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is claiming from him in that connection. Bussh says that Hele's cows have trampled down corn belonging to him at Lelesdore. Bussh was fined four pence for trespass on Hele's wheat at Stonesfeld and a further sum of three pence for another trespass and for insulting Hele's wife Christina.

At the same Court William Knoll brought an action for debt against John atte Hele, of Chew, so here we have the same man described as "John Hele" and "John atte Hele" in the same record.\*

1424. John atte Hele, of Chew, naming the bailiff as his surety, takes action against William atte Brugge for not keeping his hedges in repair and so allowing eight of his oxen to stray into Hele's pasture, damaging the same.†

1459-60. In the account of Thomas Veele, reeve of "Chuw," for the year from Michaelmas 37 Henry VI to Michaelmas 38 Henry VI, under the item of "Repairs to Houses" we find: Paid to William Hele and his servants for 9½ days tiling in the Hall and chambers there for which the said William took six pence a day and his servants five pence a day.‡

1463. Alice, who was lately the wife of Thomas Attehele, tenant of the lord of the manor of "Chuwe" according to the custom of

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\* Lambeth Palace, Court Rolls, 1184.

† Lambeth Palace, Court Rolls, 1187.

‡ Public Record Office, London, Ministers' Accounts, Bundle 1131, No. 9.

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the manor of two messuages and two fardells of land with the overland adjacent, came to the Court and offered the lord forty shillings as a fine in order to have licence to marry whom she pleases and to have entry to the said two messuages and two fardells of land to her and whatsoever man she marries and to John, her son, to have and to hold to the said Alice, her next husband and John her son in villenage according to the custom of the manor by the customary rent and service thence formerly owing and of right accustomed. So that the said John, son of the said Alice, shall take no profits or issues from the said tenure coming to the said Alice and her next husband unless by their licence and goodwill. Sureties that she will pay this fine inside the next account : Roger Holbroke and John Holbroke, who were sworn. And afterwards the said Alice took as husband Thomas ——— (*torn*, ? S——der), who was admitted common tenant with the said Alice.\*

1523. Agnes at Hele, widow, was taxed four pence on her goods worth £2 in North Elm, a hamlet in the parish of Chew. William at Hele at the same time was taxed eighteen pence on his goods worth £3 in Chew.†

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\* Public Record Office, London, Court Rolls belonging to the Ecclesiastical Commissioners, 131,911, A. 8/10, Bundle 63, No. 6.

† Subsidy Rolls.



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The above Agnes at Hele, widow, 1523, would be identical with Agnis Attheyle, of Chew, widow, who made her will (*see* p. 72) on 22nd September 1552. She desired to be buried in the churchyard of Chew. She left her "best cerchew" and "best necerchewe" to her daughter, also two platters and two potingers to her daughter's daughter, Ann Fysher. Her house and land was left to John Curties, her "neyfe," and the residue of her goods to Johan, wife of the said John Curties. This will was proved in the Cathedral Church of Wells on 17th April 1554.

Another early will (*see* p. 72) made by a Heal of Chew is that of Thomas Athele, dated 7th March 1543-4. He also desired to be buried in Chew Churchyard and left all his goods to Jone, his wife, appointing her sole executrix. This will was proved in the Church of Chew on the last day of March 1544, the executrix exhibiting an Inventory of the goods totalling 48s. 6d.

The last-mentioned testator was evidently a close relation of William Heal,\* for whom *see* below, as "William at Hele" was one of the witnesses to the will.

The following pages have been printed to preserve those facts which we have discovered about William at Hele and his descendants.

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\* We would remind the reader that before the middle of the eighteenth century there was no such thing as "the proper spelling" of any surname. The same man may be referred to in the same document as Heal, Heale, Heall, Hele, etc. If, therefore, we mention any person as a "Heal," we are merely giving him the spelling of his surname which he would have adopted had he been living now, and are not indicating that on some special occasion he did happen to write his name in that way.



# RECORDS OF THE HEAL FAMILY

## I. WILLIAM HEAL, OF CHEW MAGNA, SOMERSET.

*b.* (say) 1490 ; *d.* 1568 or 1569.

**W**ILLIAM HEAL, for whose ancestry see the foregoing introductory remarks (*see* pp. xiii and xiv), appears in the records as William at Heale, William at Hele and William Athele. As he died in 1568 or 1569 (*see* p. 73), but was already a householder paying taxes as early as 1523, it is a fair assumption that he was born at the end of the 15th century. We have already noted that he is mentioned in the Subsidy Rolls for 1523 as being assessed 1s. 6d. on £3 worth of goods at Chew Magna. On this occasion his name is entered as William at Hele.\*

His widowed mother, Isabel Atthele, of Chew, made her will (*see* p. 72) on 21 March 33 Henry VIII (1541-2). She desired to be buried in the churchyard at Chew and left eight pence to Chew Church and a similar amount to Stowey Church. To each of her godchildren she gave two pence. Three platters and her wedding ring she left to her daughter Alice and her "best gyrdell" to her daughter Margaret and to the longer liver of those two. To John Hele (relationship not stated) she gave "a posnett and a sawser that is new." Johane Hele (relationship not stated) got "my best cappe and a kyrchew," and Henry Hele (relationship not stated) had "a crocke." All the residue she left

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\* Fredk. A. Wood's "History of Chew Magna," 1903.



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to her son William Hele, appointing him executor. This will was witnessed by "Sir" Thomas Smyth, priest, John Bowman, clerk, and Henry Selwood, and was duly proved in the Cathedral Church of Wells on 18 April 1542. William Heal, as executor, exhibited an Inventory showing that the total value of his mother's goods was 36s. 1d. In Easter Term 1566 William Heale and Henry Fysher were defendants to a Chancery action (*see* p. 90) brought by Jeffrey Uppetton, gent., who in 1554 had obtained a lease of the vicarage of Chew Magna, and the chapel of Dundrey annexed to it, from John Louthe, the then vicar of Chew Magna. They were tenants of a part of the copyhold lands and tenements, the tithe on which was included in this lease, but had not only refused to pay their share of the tithe but had also persuaded other tenants ("being ignorant men") to refuse likewise.\*

On 3 September 1568 John Holbrook, of Sutton Weeks in Chew Magna, made his will (*see* p. 73) mentioning his sons Henry, John, Thomas and Roger, appointing his wife Joan executrix and William At Heale and John Purnell, the elder, overseers. This will, of which Henrie At Heale was one of the witnesses, was proved at Wells 13 June 1569.

On 24 February 1568-9 William At Heale, of Sutton Weeks in the parish of Chew Magna, husbandman, made his will (*see* p. 73). He desired to be buried in the churchyard there. He left four pence to St. Andrew's Church, Wells, three shillings and four pence to the "pore mens

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\* Public Record Office, London, Chancery Proceedings, Series II, 183/26.

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box," two shillings towards church reparations, and four pence to each of his godchildren. He left various goods to Henry, his son, John Stokes, Julian Stocks, Agnes Purnell, Isabel, his daughter, Nicholas Gale (or Gayte), Otys, his son (at 21 years of age), Richard, his son (at 21 years of age), Isabel Webbe (at 18 years of age), John and Roger, his sons, Julian, his daughter, and to Henry, his son, he left the rest of his goods, making him sole executor. Richard Holbyn and Roger Shepborne were appointed overseers. The witnesses to this will were John Cicell, clerk and minister, John Gatts and Thomas Appowell. This will was proved 13 June 1569 at Wells, and an inventory was exhibited shewing that the value of his goods totalled £71 12s. 2d., a somewhat large sum for those days. As is usual with wills of copyhold tenants of that period, he makes no mention of his eldest son William, who would inherit automatically the copyhold lands and houses, which also, of course, are not mentioned in the will.\* It is clear from the will that the testator was a widower.†

William at Heale was buried at Chew Magna 26 February 1568-9, two days after making the above will. William Heal was the father of six sons (William, Henry, Otys,† Richard, John and Roger) and of two daughters (Isabel and Julian).

1. William, for whom see later.

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\* Compare with p. 59.

† Fredk. A. Wood's "History of Chew Magna," 1903, p. 160, gives an inaccurate abstract of this will. Also Wood says that the daughter Isabel married Richard Purnell, but, according to the parish registers, she married at Chew in 1576 Richard Feere (see p. 97).

‡ Otys=Otes or Oats, the English form of Otho. See p. xxii.



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2. Henry is named in his father's will, 1568-9 (*see* p. 73), and is his sole executor. He is also named in the will of his brother Otys, 1602, where he is described as of Chew and is appointed overseer.

Henrye Heale, of Chew Magna, husbandman, made his will (*see* p. 79) on 6 May 1609. He left four pence to the Cathedral Church of St. Andrew, Wells, twelve pence to the poor people of the parish of Chew Magna, various legacies to his sons Thomas and William and to his daughters Mary and Suzanna, and appointed his wife Agnes residuary legatee and sole executrix with his neighbour Thomas Jones and his "cozen" (=nephew) John Feere as overseers. This will, which was witnessed by William Feere and William Heale, was proved at Wells in 1609. The registers of Chew Magna record the marriage of Henrie Heale and Agnes King on 17 May 1571, and from the same registers and the above will we have the following data about their children :—

1. Joane Heale, baptized 20 December 1573, when her parentage is not stated, but she is described as Joane, daughter of Henrie Heale, at her burial on 27 April 1575.
2. William, baptized 8 June 1575. He is named in his father's will, 1609, and may be the William Heale who was buried 9 February 1622.
3. Thomas, baptized 7 January 1580. He is named in his father's will, 1609.



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4. Mary, baptized 26 July 1581. She is named in her father's will, 1609, and was then unmarried.
5. Elizabeth, baptized 8 April 1585, buried 20 August 1587.
6. Susan, baptized 16 March 1588. She is called "Suzanna" in her father's will, 1609, and was then unmarried.
3. Otys was born after 1548 as he is named as a minor in his father's will, 1568-9 (*see* p. 73). On 10 April 1602 Oats Heale, of Stowey, Somerset, carpenter, made his will (*see* p. 78) in the presence of William Heale, of Chew, and William Heale, of Stowey. He desired to be buried at Chew. He left his son John Heale all his working tools and timber and all the rest of his goods were to be equally divided between his wife Isabel (whom he made sole executrix) and his said son. As overseers he appointed his brother Henry Heale, of Chew, and his "cozen" (=nephew) William Prattant, of Chew. This will was proved at Wells 10 June 1602 and an inventory was exhibited giving the total value of his goods as £38 10s. 10d.

In spite of the desire expressed in his will we do not find his burial record at Chew.

Roger, son of Otes Heale, was buried at Chew Magna, 12 November 1585.

Otis, or Oticus, Heale was assessed on £1 worth of goods in Knighton Sutton, 1596 and 1600-1, as appears by the Subsidy Returns for those years.

As to the above-mentioned son John : He

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married Christian —, as we learn that John Heale and Christian, his wife, in 1607–8 sold to Thomas Jones, gent., a mill with two acres of meadow and six acres of pasture in Stowey and Chew Magna.\*

The purchaser would be the “neighbour, Thomas Jones,” who, as already stated, was one of the overseers in 1609 of the will of Henry Heale, brother of Otis.

4. Richard was born after 1548, as he is named as a minor in the will of his father, 1568–9 (*see* p. 73).

On 24 August 1584 Richard Heale, of Emborow, Somerset, made his will (*see* p. 75). He desired to be buried in the churchyard of Emborow. His wife Agnes being with child, he left it £10. If his wife re-married, then the said £10 should be handed to his brother-in-law, Thomas Hippeslye, and William Bawler, to be put out to profit until the child came of age. If the child died, then half of the £10 was to go to the said Agnes and the other half to those of his brothers' children who had most need of it. He left twenty shillings to his brother, William Heale, and twelve pence each to his four godchildren. To his “Mother” (=mother-in-law) he left twenty shillings, and the residue to his wife Agnes, whom he appointed executrix. As overseers he named Thomas Hippesly and William Bawler. This will, which was witnessed by John Hippeslye,

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\* “Feet of Fines,” Hil. 6 Jas. I.

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esquire, Thomas Hippesly and Richard Cottrell, was proved at Wells 26 March 1585, when an inventory was exhibited showing that the total value of his goods was £25 8s. 8d. The will gives a list of debts due from John Heale, the elder (forty shillings), Nicholas Evans, John Sherborne, the elder, Ellen Savidg, John and Charles Dudlie, Hunt of Wells and Fernando Simons.

It would appear from the above that Hippesly was probably the maiden surname of his wife.

5. John, who is mentioned in his father's will, 1568-9 (*see* p. 73), and in that of his brother Richard, to whom he owed forty shillings in 1584. He was the ancestor of a branch of the family long settled at Bishop Sutton, for which see Appendix A (p. 55).

6. Roger, who is mentioned in the will of his father, 1568-9 (*see* p. 73). The Chew Magna registers give us the baptisms of four of his children :—

1. Margaret, baptized 6 April 1579.
2. Isabel, baptized 7 August 1581.
3. Joan, baptized 19 October 1589. She evidently died in infancy.
4. Joan, baptized 8 May 1592.

There was at this time a Roger Heal, of Midsomer Norton, born about 1534, died about 1624. He may be identical with the above Roger, though 1592 appears rather late for the baptism of a child of a man born about 1534. Possibly there were two Roger Heals, of Chew Magna and Midsomer Norton, who were cousins.



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7. Isabel, who is mentioned in her father's will, 1568-9 (*see* p. 73).

Richard Feere and Isabel Heale were married at Chew Magna 17 May 1576.

As already mentioned, her brother Henry Heal in 1609 appointed his "cozen" (=nephew) John Feere one of the overseers of his will, which was also witnessed by a William Feere, probably another son of Isabel.

8. Julian, who is mentioned as Julian Stocks in the will of her father, 1568-9 (*see* p. 73). Among other legacies he left her his (deceased) wife's best kirtell. John Stokes, named in the same will, was probably her husband.

We think possibly there was a third daughter :—

9. Agnes, who is mentioned as Agnes Purnell in the will of her father, 1568-9 (*see* p. 73). Julian, Agnes and Isabel were left respectively his (deceased) wife's best, second and third garment. Julian and Agnes he calls by their husbands' surnames, but Isabel, being still unmarried, he describes as "my daughter."\*

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\* Wood says that Isabel married Richard Purnell, but evidently Agnes was his wife.

## II. WILLIAM HEAL, OF WEST PENNARD, SOMERSET.

*A.* 1568-1584.

He was the eldest son of the above William Heal, of Chew Magna, and as such would have inherited his father's copyholds in 1569, but these he probably sold as soon as they came into his hands. He had already, very shortly before the year 1568, settled at West Pennard, where he appears to have arrived as a widower with two young sons, John and Walter. His reason for going to live at West Pennard is certainly to be found in the fact that on 14 November of that year he married there, as his second wife, Agnes Dalley, of West Pennard. By her he appears to have had two more children: Edith, who was baptized at West Pennard 11 February 1572, and Robert, who was buried there as an infant on 16 August 1581.

As we have already seen, William is mentioned, 1584, in the will of his brother Richard Heal (*see* p. 75), of Emborrow. His burial is not recorded at West Pennard, so that it is likely that, dying there, his body was taken away to be buried in the grave of his parents (in which case he may be the "William, son of William Heale," who was buried at Chew Magna 7 June 1628) or perhaps in that of his first wife.

As the Christian names "Agnes" and "Ann" were interchangeable at that date (much as "Henry" and "Harry" are now), we can safely identify the "Ann Heale" buried at West Pennard 1 October 1601 as William's second wife. William's son

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Walter evidently died as a young, unmarried man, as we find his burial recorded at West Pennard under date 24 January 1590-1. It will be seen that this leaves only Walter's brother John Heal to carry on the West Pennard family.



### III. JOHN HEAL, OF WEST PENNARD, SOMERSET.

*b.* before 1563 ; *d.* 1622.

John Heal was born in or before the year 1563, probably being very young when his widowed father, the above William Heal, settled in West Pennard. On 2 August 1584 he married there Mary Dallye, who was obviously a close relative of his step-mother, possibly her niece.

John and Mary died within a week of each other in the year 1622, he being buried on 19 April and she on 26 April. It is permissible to imagine that these close dates of burial indicate that they most probably died of the same infectious illness. In his burial entry John Heal is described as of "Woodland."\*

They appear to have been the parents of three sons and a daughter :—

1. Richard was baptized at West Pennard 14 January 1584-5. He married Joane Grice there on 18 May 1609, and they had a son Richard baptized there on 29 July of the following year. The father evidently died soon after this, as we find Johan Heale (who was probably his widow) marrying John Field at West Pennard on 4 July 1611.
2. Katherine was baptized at West Pennard 6 July 1588 and was buried there 17 December 1604.

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\* This early reference to an actual holding is worth noting. Presumably Woodland was, and perhaps still is, the name of a local farm.

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3. John, who carried on the family and with whom we will deal later.
4. Thomas, who married Jeane — and had a daughter, Thomasin (incorrectly registered as “Thomas”), baptized at West Pennard 26 January 1624-5. This child's father was buried at West Pennard 6 January 1626-7 and his widow re-married at West Pennard, 1 September 1629, William Grigory, of that parish. It is interesting to note that here again we have a son of John and Mary Heal dying very soon after the birth of his only child, leaving a widow who marries again.

IV. JOHN HEAL, OF WEST PENNARD,  
LATER OF MILTON CLEVEDON, AND  
STILL LATER OF BREWHAM, ALL IN  
SOMERSET.

*b.* (say) 1588 ; *d.* 1669.

John Heal, the son of the above John and the grandson of William Heal of West Pennard, was living at West Pennard from 1609 until 1622-3, and seems to have returned there about 1664-5, in which year we find that George Grimes and John Heale were jointly taxed four shillings on a cottage with two hearths in West Pennard (*see* p. 113). This tells us that the cottage in question, about which we shall hear more later, was suitable for the occupation of two families.

By his will (*see* p. 82) John Heal left a legacy of five shillings to the poor of West Pennard, though at the time of his death he was residing at Brewham.

In or shortly after 1622-3, when one of his children was buried at West Pennard, he left there for some other parish, and we next hear of him at Milton Clevedon, where two of his daughters were married in 1636 and 1636-7 (*see* p. 100), and of which parish he was Churchwarden in 1640 (*see* p. 100).\*

In 1668-9 he describes himself as a yeoman of Brewham, and he was buried at South Brewham 9 April 1669.

He married three times. The only trace we have of his first marriage is the burial of a son by it in

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\* Transcripts at Wells.



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1609 at West Pennard. On 20 October 1613 he married Alice White at West Pennard, and by this second marriage there were nine or ten children. His third marriage was to Sarah, daughter of William Roe, alias Barnaby, of Bruton, Somerset, by whom he had no children. After his death she was a defendant to a Chancery action brought in 1669-70 by two of his sons by his second marriage, as will appear later (pp. 15 and 90).

On 1 March 1668-9 he made his will (*see* p. 82), which was proved on 10 June 1669.\* By it, as already mentioned, he left five shillings to the poor of West Pennard, and he also left a similar sum to the poor of Brewham. He gave various legacies to his children and grandchildren, and these we will mention against their names below. Certain of his kinsfolk received bequests: William Gulsford, ten pounds; Jane Walter, forty shillings; John Mathew, alias Lane, four pounds; Margaret Mayes and Elizabeth Jones, each ten shillings; and William Mayes, twenty shillings. These Mayes kinsfolk were relatives of his third wife; as were also his brothers-in-law Peter Mayes and Thomas Roe, to each of whom he left twenty shillings. His wife Sarah was to receive £240, half of his household stuff, his brown bay mare, a cow called "Nannie," and two black yearlings. He appointed his friends John Sanders and John Hutchins overseers of his will, and his sons William and Ambrose residuary legatees and executors. To his said two sons he left also his "rovelesse" (=roofless) tenement in West Pennard during the remainder of his lease of it, one-half of it to each of them, which identifies it

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\* Prerogative Court of Canterbury, 72 Coke.

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with the cottage in joint occupation already mentioned.

Arising from this will we have the Chancery action (*see* p. 90) to which reference has already been made above. The two sons who were residuary legatees and executors, William and Ambrose, alleged that their stepmother, resenting the fact that any of her husband's property had been left away from her, and acting partly from covetousness and partly from prejudice against her two stepsons, had taken advantage of her husband's illness, which kept him to his bed for about twenty weeks before he died, and also of the fact that these two stepsons were living far away from their father's house at Brewham, and had embezzled the residue of the property so as to leave them nothing at all. Not only did she, according to them, convert the property to her own use during her husband's lifetime, but she scarcely left enough money to pay a debt of £55 arrears of rent besides several other small debts due by her husband. They alleged that she had sent £20 of his cash to her sister and her sister's husband, Margaret and Peter Mayes, of Bruton, asking that it should be retained by them for her. Some time after John's death John Saunders (who would be the John Sanders, the friend who was appointed as overseer of the will) told the son William Heal that he had a box of papers belonging to the deceased, and was ready to hand this over to the executors, but he declined to say how he had obtained possession of the box. William and Ambrose refused to accept it, as they found it had been broken open and all the important papers had been removed, leaving only some worthless



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bonds. The defendants to this action were the step-mother, her sister Margaret, Margaret's husband Peter Mayes, Thomas Row, alias Barnaby, of West Pennard, husbandman (who was a brother of the two sisters), and John Saunders. The Bill of Complaint in Chancery was filed by William and Ambrose Heal on 16 February 1669-70.\*

John Heal, by his first marriage, was the father of :—

1. Richard, buried at West Pennard 21 January 1609. This boy was evidently named after his father's brother Richard, who was born in 1584-5, and died within two years of the birth of this, his nephew.

By his second marriage John Heal was the father of nine or ten children :—

2. Margaret, baptized at West Pennard 25 February 1613-14. Her father in 1668-9 left twelve pounds to his daughter Margaret Fry, also four pounds to his grandchild William Penny, and three pounds each to all the rest of his daughter Frye's children. These legacies tell us that Margaret was twice married : Firstly, to a Mr. Penny ; and, secondly, to a Mr. Fry.
3. Ann, baptized at West Pennard 20 March 1616-17. Her father in 1668-9 left five pounds to his daughter Anne Morris.
4. John, baptized at West Pennard 17 April 1619. His father in 1668-9 left twenty pounds to Mary Heale, daughter of this John, and ten pounds to each of John's

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\* Public Record Office, London, Chancery Proceedings, Bridges, 497/40.



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other two children. He left also five pounds to his daughter-in-law Grace Heale, who was probably the mother of these three children. We identify her with a Grace Heal who was buried at South Brewham 15 August 1697. John may or may not be identical with a John Heal buried there 3 April 1676.

John's other two children most probably include Elizabeth Tinny, who is mentioned in 1686-7 as a kinswoman by her uncle William Heal. In this connection it should be noted that Mary Tinny, in 1697, was one of the witnesses to the will of Elizabeth, the widow of the said William Heal.

5. Jeane, baptized at West Pennard 5 January 1621, buried there 1 March 1622-3. Very shortly after her death her parents left West Pennard.
6. William, living at Pitcombe, Somerset, in 1661, when he had twin children baptized there. In 1662 he was of Redlynch (in or near Pitcombe), when he contributed three shillings to the Free and Voluntary Present to Charles II.\* In 1663-4 he had twin children baptized at Milton Clevedon. In 1664-5 he was taxed (*see* p. 113) four shillings on two hearths in a cottage at Worle or Kewstoke. This same house had paid tax the previous year on three hearths, being then in the occupation of a widow named Elizabeth Arnell, but William Heal "hath stopt up one," which proves that he was of an

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\* Public Record Office, London, Sub. 256/11.

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economical turn of mind. From the same taxation returns we learn that William Heal's former house in the same district, on which he had paid tax on one hearth, "is fallen downe."\*

He was Churchwarden at Milton Clevedon in 1668,† following in his father's footsteps. He described himself as a yeoman of Brewham when in 1669-70 he brought the Chancery action, already mentioned, against his stepmother, but said he was living far from Brewham in 1668-9 during his father's last illness.

His will (*see* p. 83), made on 4 January 1686-7, proved in October 1687,‡ describes him as a yeoman of South Brewham. He quaintly gives his reason for making this will: "considering with myself the uncertainty of this transitory life and that it is only a race with death." We see from it that he held the lease of a house in High Street, Bruton. He leaves various legacies to his children and grandchildren as mentioned against their names below, also twenty shillings to his kinswoman Elizabeth Tinny, and five shillings to Mary Heal, daughter of his brother Ambrose, with one shilling to his servant Mary Goswar. He makes his wife Elizabeth and his son John his executors. Elizabeth Tinny, who (as already mentioned)

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\* Public Record Office, London, "Somerset Hearth Tax," 1664-5, p. 157 of the printed copy.

† Transcripts at Wells, p. 99.

‡ At Wells.

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was probably the daughter of his brother John, was one of the witnesses to the will.

William Heal was buried at South Brewham 7 June 1687.

His widow, Elizabeth, describing herself as of Horsley Farm, in the parish of South Brewham, made her will on 18 April 1697, and it was proved\* in June of the same year (*see* p. 85). She leaves legacies to her sons Joseph, Peter and Thomas Heal, giving the residue to her son and sole executor William Heal, after leaving ten shillings to each of her grandchildren. As already mentioned, Mary Tinny was one of the witnesses to this will.

William and Elizabeth Heal were the parents of eight children :—

1. Zechariah (twin with Elizabeth), baptized at Pitcombe 29 October 1661. Not mentioned in his father's will, 1686–7, so possibly he died in infancy.
2. Elizabeth (twin with Zechariah), baptized at Pitcombe 29 October 1661. Not mentioned in her father's will, 1686–7, so evidently she died young.
3. William, to whom his father in 1686–7 left the lease of the Bruton house for his life together with cash legacies totalling eleven pounds. Executor of his mother 1697.
4. Thomas (twin with Elizabeth), baptized at Milton Clevedon 3 January

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\* At Wells.



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1663-4.\* In 1686-7 his father left him the reversion of the lease of the Bruton house after the death of William, together with a legacy of forty pounds, also "my brown starrd colt, my black starrd heifer and the middle bed, bedstead and bedding in the great chamber." In 1697 his mother left him five shillings.

5. Elizabeth (twin with Thomas), baptized at Milton Clevedon 3 January 1663-4.\* Not mentioned in her father's will, 1686-7, so evidently she died young.
6. Peter, to whom his father in 1686-7 left twenty shillings with a similar legacy to each of Peter's children. His mother, in 1697, left him five shillings.
7. Joseph, to whom his father, in 1686-7, left the reversion of the lease of the Bruton house after the deaths of William and Thomas, together with a legacy of ten pounds. He left also twenty shillings to Joseph's son William. In 1697 Joseph's mother left him ten pounds.
8. John, who was his father's executor in 1686-7. As he is not named in his mother's will, 1697, he probably died without issue before that year.
7. Ambrose, for whom see later.
8. A daughter who married a Mr. Champion.

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\* Transcripts at Wells, p. 99.

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Her father, in 1668-9, left forty shillings each to his grandchildren William Champion and Robert Champion.

9. A daughter, who married a Mr. Symes. Her father, in 1668-9, left "To my grandchild Mary Symmes twenty pounds and to my daughter Symes's other three children ten pounds each. To my daughter Symes twenty pounds."

When Ambrose Heale, Mrs. Symes's brother, died in 1696, John Symes helped to value his goods. This John would probably be either the husband or son of Mrs. Symes.

- 10 and 11. Margery Heale married William Davis at Milton Clevedon 4 May 1636, and Mary Heale married Thomas Davys at Milton Clevedon 16 January 1636-7.\* John Heal, by his will dated 1668-9, left: "To my five grandchildren John Davis, George Davis, Emanuel Davis, Mary Davis and Margaret Davis forty shillings each." The testator was, therefore, the father of the above Margery or the above Mary Heale, and most probably they were both daughters of his. However, it is impossible to say that the five Davis grandchildren were Margery's children or Mary's children. It is quite likely that some of them were Margery's and the others were Mary's. There is nothing in the spelling of "Davis" or "Davys" at that date.

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\* Transcripts at Wells, p. 99.

V. AMBROSE HEAL, OF UPTON NOBLE,  
SOMERSET, LATER OF WINSCOMBE,  
SOMERSET, AND STILL LATER OF  
MAIDEN BRADLEY, WILTSHIRE.

*b.* (say) about 1625; *d.* 1696.

In him we have the *first* of nine bearers of this name. His son Ambrose (2) was born about 1661, whose grandson Ambrose (3) was born 1736-7, whose brother Ambrose (4) was born 1748, whose son Ambrose (5) was born 1779, whose son Ambrose (6) was born 1815. Ambrose (7) (father of the compiler of these notes), born 1847, was the son of John Harris Heal, junior, who was the son of John Harris Heal, senior, who was the son of the Ambrose Heal (4) born in 1748. Ambrose Heal (8), born 1872 (the compiler of these notes), is the son of Ambrose Heal (7), born 1847, and the father of Cecil Ambrose Heal (9), born 1896.

In 1668-9 John Heal, of Brewham, left to his son Ambrose one-half of his "rovelesse" (= roofless) tenement in West Pennard during the balance of the lease he held of it, also one-half of all his household stuff and all his wearing apparel. He appointed his said son Ambrose one of his executors and residuary legatees. To Ambrose Heal, one of the five children of his said son Ambrose, he left £20 and to each of the other four £10.

In 1669-70, when Ambrose brought the Chancery action (*see* pp. 15 and 90), already mentioned, against his stepmother he described himself as a yeoman of Upton Noble, Somerset,



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but stated that he was "living far from Brewham" in 1668-9 during his father's last illness.

In 1670-1 he was Overseer of the parish of Winscombe in Somerset.\*

In 1686-7 he was one of the witnesses of the will of his brother William Heal, and his daughter, Mary Heal, received a legacy of five shillings under that will.

He settled at Maiden Bradley, Wiltshire, where he died intestate early in the year 1696. Letters of administration (*see* p. 88) of his goods, etc., were granted on 14 January 1696-7 to his son Ambrose Heal. Thomas Coward, a blacksmith, and John Baker, a butcher, both of Maiden Bradley, were co-sureties with his son Ambrose in the bond given in connection with this grant of administration. This Thomas Coward was the husband of the sister of the wife of Ambrose Heal, junior, as will appear later. An inventory of the goods of Ambrose Heal, senior, dated 17 May 1696, was filed showing a total of £165 15s. od. This interesting document enables us to form some idea of the farm in which he lived. There was, of course, a dairy room and a kitchen, the latter having two little butteries adjoining it. There was also a kitchen chamber (which probably means a bedroom over the kitchen) with a couple of beds in it. An upper chamber had three beds, which is explained by the fact that Ambrose was using the best chamber for storing "neer about seaven or eight hundred of cheese," worth £7 10s. od. His most valuable possession was twenty milch cows and seven heifers,

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\* Public Record Office, London, Sub. 172/434.

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worth £80. Various other farm stock is enumerated. His clothes were valued at £8. John Baker, the butcher already mentioned, and John Symes made the valuation. For this John Symes see above.\*

His wife Alice was buried at South Brewham 14 April 1673. As we have already seen, the will of Ambrose's father tells us that Ambrose and Alice Heal had five children alive in 1668-9. Of these we have been able to trace only two: Mary, who was unmarried in 1686-7, when her Uncle William Heal left her five shillings, and Ambrose, for whom *see next page*.

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\* See the original documents among the records of the Archidiaconal Court of Sarum preserved at Somerset House.

## VI. AMBROSE HEAL, OF MAIDEN BRADLEY AND KINGSTON DEVERILL, WILTSHIRE.

*b.* about 1661 ; *d.* 1717.

Ambrose Heal, junior, was born in or about the year 1661, being 56 years old when he died on 9 September 1717.

In 1668-9 his grandfather, John Heal, left him twenty pounds. In 1696-7 he was the administrator of his father's goods and is then described as a yeoman of Maiden Bradley.

He was still of Bradley on 11 September 1703 when he married, at Mere, Wiltshire, Joan, the daughter of John Flower, a dairyman of St. Tanguis,\* Frome, Somerset, by Mary his wife.

He is mentioned in the will of his said father-in-law, dated 16 January 1712-13 (*see* p. 86), and from the same will we learn that Thomas Coward (co-surety with Ambrose Heal, junior, at the time of the administration of the goods of Ambrose Heal, senior, in 1696-7) was another son-in-law of John Flower.

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\* St. Tanguis (a corruption of St. Algar) is now the name of a farm, probably on the site of the chapel alluded to by Leland ("Itinerary," vii., 106). He says: "In the forest (of Selwood) is a chapelle & thereyn be buryed the Bones of St. Algar of late tymes superstitiously sought of the foolish commune People." The farm is in Frome parish in the Tithing of West Woodlands, on the west side of the high-road to Maiden Bradley just before it crosses the Wiltshire boundary. It is now the property of the Marquis of Bath. In the existing farmhouse there are remains of an ecclesiastical character. Variants of the name are St. Tagust or St. Tagnst in 1665 and St. August's in 1708. Elgar or St. Algar was born in Devonshire in the middle of the eleventh century.



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Ambrose made his will (*see* p. 86) on 30 August 1717 and then described himself as a yeoman of Kingston Deverill. He left £200 to each of his children : John, Mary, William and Joseph, and the residue to his wife Joan. He left five shillings each to James Flower, Edward Parsons and Gracious Fathers. The last curiously named individual was baptized at Maiden Bradley on 16 April 1666. This will was proved by his widow, the sole executrix, on 14 May 1718.\* Ambrose was buried at Maiden Bradley on 16 September 1717 and a tombstone inscription there beside the porch (*see* p. 107) gives us 9 September as the date of his death.

Ambrose and Joan Heal were the parents of five children :—

1. John, for whom *see* later.
2. Mary, who is no doubt the unnamed daughter of Ambrose Heal, whose baptism is recorded under date 6 January 1705–6 in the parish registers of Maiden Bradley. In 1717 her father left her £200.
3. William, baptized at Maiden Bradley 18 November 1707. In 1717 his father left him £200.
4. Elizabeth, baptized at Maiden Bradley 9 December 1709. She is not named in her father's will, 1717, so probably died in infancy, though possibly she might be the Elizabeth Heal who married Moulton Young on 3 December 1735 at Maiden Bradley.

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\* Records of the Archidiaconal Court of Sarum, preserved at Somerset House.

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5. Joseph, baptized at Maiden Bradley 3 August 1712. He was of Kingston Deverill, yeoman, in 1737, and of Nunny in Somerset in 1738-9. He married at Mere 21 September 1736 Rachel, the seventeen-year-old daughter of George Townsend, a butcher of Kingston Deverill, by Rachel his wife. Joseph Heal's wife Rachel was buried at Kingston Deverill 7 August 1772.

Joseph and Rachel Heal were the plaintiffs in two Chancery actions (*see* pp. 91-94): the first, brought in 1737, was to obtain a legacy of £150 left to her in 1720 by her grandfather George Townsend, senior, a butcher, of Hill Deverill; and the second, brought in 1738-9, was to enforce payment of another legacy left to her, viz., £30, left by the Revd. John Berjew, of Fordingbridge, Hampshire, in 1726.\*

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\* Public Record Office, London, Chancery Proceedings, 1714-1758, 381/47 and 2552/21.

VII. JOHN HEAL, OF MAIDEN BRADLEY  
AND KINGSTON DEVERILL, WILTSHIRE,  
AND LATER OF FROME, SOMERSET.

*b.* 1704 ; *d.* 1781.

John was baptized at Maiden Bradley 4 May 1704. In 1717 his father left him £200. He was churchwarden of Kingston Deverill in 1750, as appears by the Register Transcripts. His will was made (*see* p. 87) on 21 March 1781 and was proved on 26 November of that year.\* He was buried at Maiden Bradley as "John Heale, of Frome" on 31 August 1781.

In his will he described himself as of Frome Salwood (=Frome Selwood, the correct name for the place now called "Frome"), Somerset, gent. To his son Joseph and his daughter Mary he left respectively four shillings a week and six shillings a week for life, instead of anything they might claim under his marriage settlement. He stated that he had advanced several large sums of money to his sons Ambrose and William for the carrying on of their several businesses.† These (with the exception of £300 due from William and £90 due from Ambrose) he forgave them, also on the basis that this cancelled their claims under his marriage settlement. He stated that, with his wife's consent, William had had the monies settled on her, so he

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\* Prerogative Court of Canterbury, 535 Webster.

† We neither know, nor have any means of discovering, the nature of the "businesses" of John Heal's sons Ambrose and William at this date, though it is clear from Ambrose's will (*see* p. 88) that he was a farmer in 1805.



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left him only ten pounds. As residuary legatee and sole executor he appointed his son John.

He died on 28 August 1781 and was buried in his father's grave, the inscription (in which his age has been left blank) being on the reverse side of the stone. (*See p. 107.*)

His wife was named Elizabeth and they were the parents of six sons and two daughters :—

1. John, baptized at Kingston Deverill 29 April 1734. He was buried there 2 November 1736.
2. Ambrose, baptized at Kingston Deverill 24 January 1736–7. He died in infancy.
3. Elizabeth, baptized 24 June 1739 at Kingston Deverill, where she was buried 1 September 1792. She married there, 4 October 1768, Stephen Long, of Monkton Deverill, by whom she had issue.
4. Mary, baptized at Kingston Deverill 22 April 1741. In 1781 her father left her six shillings a week for life.
5. John, baptized at Kingston Deverill 18 May 1743. In 1781 his father appointed him his sole executor and residuary legatee, he being the eldest surviving son.\*
6. William, who was born in or about the year 1744, being 37 years old when he died on 7 October 1781. He was, however, not baptized at Kingston Deverill until 13 August 1746. At the time of his marriage at Mere on 27 February 1770 to Anne, the sister of John Merewether (or Merryweather), of Mere

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\* The baptism at Gillingham on 7 March, 1773, of Rebecca, daughter of John Hele (or Hale) may indicate that the above John was married.

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Park, William Heal was described as of Stourton in Wiltshire. As already mentioned, he is named in his father's will, dated 21 March 1781. He survived his father less than seven weeks, being buried as "William Heale of Hinton" at Maiden Bradley, 11 October 1781. There is a tablet (*see* p. 107) on the wall there beside the porch (above his father's grave) to his memory.

William and Anne Heal had eight children :—

1. Edward, baptized at Mere 3 April 1770. He lived at Tisbury but emigrated to Prince Edward Island (about the year 1813), and was the father of Penelope-Sophia-Merewether Heal.\*
2. Mary, baptized at Hinton Charterhouse 13 January 1772, died 1863. She married at Hinton Charterhouse, 4 August 1796, John Gauntlett, who was born at Market Lavington in 1772 and died in 1838. They had issue. This John Gauntlett was the brother of Thomas Gauntlett, who, as will be seen later, married in 1800 Betsy Heal.

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\* Ambrose Heal, the compiler of these notes, has an interesting letter from Edward's daughter, Miss Penelope Sophia Merewether Heal, dated 29 October, 1873, from St. Eleanor's, Prince Edward Island, "British North America" (!), addressed to Miss Dorcas Gauntlett, who afterwards married Dr. Bowle. In it she refers to a visit paid by two of her father's cousins, Mr. Harris and Mr. Ambrose Heal, to his house at Tisbury shortly before she and her father emigrated, about sixty years previously (c. 1813). She quotes a letter from John Harris Heal, junior, who says that she accurately describes his father as having a defect in his eye.

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3. Sophia, born 1773. She married at Mere in 1795 William Harris, of Sturminster Newton. They had issue.
4. Anne, baptized at Hinton Charterhouse 12 February 1775, died 29 November 1812. She married at Mere in 1798 Dr. William Bowle. They had issue.
5. William, baptized at Hinton Charterhouse 7 September 1776.
6. John-Merewether, baptized at Hinton Charterhouse 7 June 1778.
7. Susanna-Merewether, baptized at Hinton Charterhouse 24 March 1781. She was buried there 8 April of the same year.
8. Susanna-Merewether (probably posthumous), baptized at Hinton Charterhouse 11 June 1782.

There is said to have been also a son Thomas, but no record relating to him has been found.

7. Ambrose, for whom see later.
8. Joseph, baptized at Kingston Deverill 19 July 1751. In 1781 his father left him four shillings a week for life. He was buried at Maiden Bradley 5 July 1792.



VIII. AMBROSE HEAL, OF KINGSTON  
DEVERILL, LATER OF MILTON-UPON-  
STOUR, GILLINGHAM.

*b.* 1748 ; *d.* 1812.

Ambrose was baptized at Kingston Deverill 18 November 1748. We see from his father's will, 1781 (p. 87), that considerable sums of money had been advanced to him to assist him in the carrying on of his business.

His will, dated 30 August 1805 and proved 28 August 1812\* (*see* p. 88), is notable for its brevity and describes him as of Milton-upon-Stour, Gillingham.

“ I give and bequeath all my goods and chattles and all my stock on the farm to Rachel my dear wife whom I make sole executrix.”

He died 10 February 1812 and was buried on 14th at Gillingham, where there is an inscription (*see* p. 111) to his memory on a tablet in the porch.

He, being then of Mere, married at Gillingham, 26 Dec. 1771, Rachel, the only child of John Harris by Rachel his wife.† She was born at Silton 9 November 1751 and died 5 February 1827, being buried at St. Giles's Cemetery, St. Pancras, Middlesex (*see* pp. 108 and 110). There is, however, also an inscription (*see* p. 111) to her memory at Gillingham.

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\* Original at the Probate Court, Salisbury.

† John Harris, buried at Gillingham 25 Jan. 1791, and Rachel Harris, aged 79, buried there 14 Sep. 1812.

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Ambrose and Rachel Heal were the parents of two sons and a daughter :—

1. John-Harris, for whom see below.
2. Betsy, born 26 November 1773 (*see* p. 110), baptized at Gillingham 16 January 1774, died in 1843.

Her husband, Thomas Gauntlett, of Sherington, Wilts, whom she married at Gillingham 8 December 1800, was brother of the John Gauntlett mentioned above as marrying Mary Heal in 1796.

3. Ambrose, born 28 April 1779 (*see* p. 110) at Gillingham (*see* p. 107), died at Combe Down 17 May 1837, being buried at Monkton Combe, where there is an inscription (*see* p. 107) to his memory. He was a partner in the firm of "Rood, Heal and Co.," of 29, Old Compton Street, feather-dressers, for which *see* Appendix C and Introduction, p. xv. He seems to have retired from the business about 1830 and went to live at Combe Down, near Bath.

He married at St. Anne's, Soho, Westminster, on 13 June 1805\* (*see* p. 105), Martha Standerwick.† She died 20 November 1849, aged 67. She also is buried at Monkton Combe, where there is an inscription (*see* p. 108) to her memory.

Ambrose and Martha Heal were the parents of nine daughters and a son :—

1. Martha, born 28 November 1805, baptized at St. Anne's, Soho, West-

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\* The register was signed by Roger Rood and R. Standerwick.

† *See* Appendix F.

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minster, 15 December of the same year. She died 15 September 1879. She married in 1824 James Standerwick and had a daughter: Eliza Emma Standerwick\*, born about 1840, who married at Manchester 7 Sept 1872 John Bland.

2. Jane, born 13 February 1807, baptized at St. Anne's, Soho, Westminster, 10 May of the same year.

Jane Heal, of St. Pancras, aged 6 years, was buried at St. Helen's, Bishopsgate, 2 November 1813.

3. Rachel-Harris, born 1 or 2 February 1809 (*see* pp. 105, 108 and 112), baptized at St. Helen's, Bishopsgate, 11 April 1809. In 1851 she was living at 196, Tottenham Court Road (*see* p. 116). She died unmarried 22 October 1852 and was buried at St. Giles's Cemetery, St. Pancras, where there is an inscription (*see* pp. 108 and 112) to her memory.
4. Ann-Standerwick, born 26 April 1810, baptized at St. Anne's, Soho, Westminster, 25 November of the same year.

She married in 1834 her first cousin John Harris Heal, junior, for whom *see* later. She died at Finchley 30 March 1890.

5. Maria-Standerwick, born 14 July 1812, baptized at St. Anne's, Soho, Westminster, 9 May of the following year. She died 6 January 1865 and was buried at Norwood.

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\* *See* Appendix F.



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She married at Gillingham 11 January 1832 Thomas Harding, of Stourton, Wilts, and Regent Street, who died 2 February 1874.\*

6. Ambrose, born 15 January 1815, baptized at St. Anne's, Soho, Westminster, 19 April of the same year. He went to Mauritius and some interesting letters, written from Port Louis there, dated 1851-1853, are in the possession of Carlton B. Heal. They refer to various members of the family and the latest in date expresses the writer's wish to go to Australia. 1275708
7. "Mary Heale, of St. Pancras, Middlesex, aged 9 months," was buried 12 May 1818 at St. Helen's, Bishopsgate.
8. "Mary Heal, of St. Pancras, Middlesex, aged 12 days" (viz. twin with Jane), was buried 28 October 1819 at St. Helen's, Bishopsgate.
9. "Jane Heal, of St. Pancras, Middlesex, aged 15 days" (viz. twin with Mary), was buried 28 October 1819 at St. Helen's, Bishopsgate.
10. "Elizabeth Heal, of St. Pancras, Middlesex, aged 4 days," was buried 30 March 1824 at St. Helen's, Bishopsgate.

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\* Witnesses :—Nathaniel Standerwick, Wm. Harding, Ann Standerwick Heal and Rachel Heal.

## IX. JOHN-HARRIS HEAL, SENIOR, OF GILLINGHAM, LATER OF LONDON.

*b.* 1772 ; *d.* 1833.

He was baptized at Gillingham on 16 August 1772 (*see* p. 104)\*, and died 30 October 1833, being buried at St. Giles's Cemetery, St. Pancras, where there is an inscription (*see* pp. 108 and 111) to his memory.

The firm of "Heal & Son" was founded by him in 1810 (*see* Appendix B). He and his brother Ambrose both appear to have come up to London from Gillingham during the first decade of the 19th century (*see* Appendix C). Curiously enough, they both went into the feather-dressing business, but they entered different firms and never carried on business together. John-Harris is said to have joined a firm in Leicester Square. He started in business on his own account in 1810 as feather-dresser at No. 33, Rathbone Place, from which beginning the foundation of the firm of "Heal & Son" is dated. At about this time he married Frances (Fanny) Brewer, daughter of William and Ann Brewer. Their eldest child, John Harris II, was born early in 1811. In 1818 he moved to No. 203, Tottenham Court Road,

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\* A careful examination of the original record at Gillingham proves that there can be no mistake in this date. Therefore, the entry in the Family Bible to the effect that he was born 11 September 1772 (*see* p. 110) is obviously incorrect. His tombstone inscription (*see* pp. 108 and 111), which also gives 11 September 1772 as the date of his birth, was evidently based on the statement in the Family Bible.







FANNY HEAL (*née* Brewer), b. 1782; d. 1859.  
From an oil painting now in the possession of Mrs. Biscoe. A copy of  
this portrait hangs in Heal & Son's Board Room.

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where he was in business as "mattress and feather  
bed manufacturer." On his death in 1833 his  
widow and his son John-Harris carried on the firm  
under the title of "Fanny Heal & Son." (For  
further details *see* Appendix B.)

Fanny Heal was, by general consent, a woman  
of marked character and business ability. Her  
portrait (a copy of which hangs in Heal & Son's  
Board Room), painted by an unknown artist,  
depicts her as a charming old lady of about 60,  
with a gentle and quizzical smile. The original  
portrait is in the possession of her great-grand-  
daughter, Mrs. Biscoe (*née* Heal), of Lyme Regis.  
Fanny Heal appears to have retired from business  
at the age of 63 and gone to live at No. 14, Notting  
Hill Gate. She was born on 6 November 1782 and  
died on 26 February 1859, being buried at St.  
Pancras, Finchley, where there is an inscription  
(*see* p. 109) to her memory.

John-Harris and Fanny (or Frances) Heal had  
one son and two daughters :—

1. John-Harris, for whom *see* below.
2. Ann Rachel, baptized at St. Anne's, Soho,  
Westminster, 20 June 1813. She died, aged  
6 years, and was buried at St. Giles's Ceme-  
tery, St. Pancras, where there is an inscription  
(*see* pp. 108 and 111) to her memory.
3. Frances, born 21 March 1815 and baptized  
at St. Anne's, Soho, Westminster, 18 June of  
the same year. She died, aged 4 years, and  
was buried at St. Giles's Cemetery, St.  
Pancras, where there is an inscription (*see*  
pp. 108 and 111) to her memory.



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He was born 7 February 1811 and was baptized at St. Anne's, Soho, Westminster, 19 May of the same year. He died at Cannes on 19 February 1876 and was buried at St. Pancras Cemetery, Finchley, where there is an inscription (*see* p. 109) to his memory.

In 1834 he married his first cousin Ann-Standerwick, daughter of Ambrose Heal by Martha Standerwick, his wife.\* As already stated, she was born 26 April 1810 and was baptized at St. Anne's, Soho, Westminster, on 25 November of the same year. She died at Finchley on 30th March 1890.

As has been mentioned in the note on his parents, he was at first in business with his mother under the style of "Fanny Heal & Son, bedding manufacturers," at No. 203, Tottenham Court Road, having been taken into partnership in 1834, a year after his father's death. This partnership seems to have been a successful one, for in 1840 they bought up "Miller's Stables" at No. 196 and erected on the site the nucleus of the premises now occupied by Heal & Son, Limited. When John-Harris married his cousin Ann-Standerwick Heal in 1834 they appear to have set up house at No. 6, Chenies Street, as that is the address which appears in the registration of the baptism of their eldest child, Ann, in the following year, 1835. From the registration of the baptisms of their next two children in 1837

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\* The marriage took place at South Stoke, Somerset, on 28 October 1834. South Stoke is just outside Bath.



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and 1838 it is to be inferred that they were living at No. 203, Tottenham Court Road. The birth of the fourth child, Alice, occurred very soon after the business had been moved to No. 196, Tottenham Court Road, for she is registered as having been born 9 December 1840 and baptized 10 February 1841. The 1841 Census Returns for 196, Tottenham Court Road (*see* p. 114) tell us that seven persons were sleeping in that house on the night of the Census: Fanny Heal, aged 58, bedding manufacturer; John Harris Heal, aged 30, bedding manufacturer; Ann Standerwick Heal, aged 30; Anne Heal, aged 5 years; Alice Heal, aged 5 months; with two servants, Anne Green, aged 28, and Mary Anne Gauntlett, aged 25. The first six are described as natives of Middlesex.\* The last-named was most probably a relative of the Heals, but we have been unable to place her.

Here they lived in the old farm house at the back of the shop, which in those days faced on to a pleasant little flower garden bordered with fruit trees. Formerly the property had been the dwelling-house attached to a livery-stable used by the well-to-do shopkeepers, who rode into town daily from their homes in the rural districts of Hampstead, Highgate and Finchley. The house stood at the end of a long cobbled ride along which ran a row of trees on one side and on the other a line of low posts and chains to which the horses were tethered. Just by the house stood an old pump. The house, part of a property known as Capper's Farm, was built at some time previous to 1776,

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\* R. G. Enum: Bks.: 1841, Bundle 673.

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when the Dowager Duchess of Bedford granted a lease for 78 years to one William Mace "in consideration of the great expense he hath been at in erecting a Farm House on part of a field known as *Cantelow Close* and that he the said William Mace shall build proper and convenient sheds and other outhouses for the accommodation of 40 cows at the least."\*

Such was the house of John-Harris Heal and his wife Ann-Standerwick and here were born their five sons, Harris, John, Frank, Ambrose and Armitage between the years 1843 and 1848. By the year 1848 their family had outgrown the capacity of the old farm house and they moved into Woburn Lodge, next door to St. Pancras Church, though it may be noticed that in the registration of the baptism of their youngest daughter Edith in 1850 the parents' address is still given as 196, Tottenham Court Road. (*See Appendix B.*)

Here at Woburn Lodge the youngest son, Hugh-Speed, was born in 1851 and the family dwelt there until 1860, when John-Harris bought a fairly large property in the then rural district of Church End, Finchley, called "Grass Farm." For thirty years this was the centre of the Heal family. Of this rambling house and pleasant garden, which ran down to the little lake and the wood beyond, his grandchildren have many happy memories.

The enterprise and energy of John-Harris Heal

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\* A fuller history of Capper's Farm is given in "The Old Farm House in Tottenham Court Road," by Ambrose Heal, which appeared in the *Journal of the London and Middlesex Archæological Society*, 1913; and see also *London's Old Latin Quarter*, by Beresford Chancellor, 1930.



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the younger, aided by a time of great national prosperity, established the fortunes of the house of Heal & Son. Apart from his successful business career he had many activities and interests. He was elected a member of the first London School Board and continued to serve on it until his death in 1876. He was Master of the Painter Stainers' Company in 1869. (*See also* Appendix B.)

His wife, Ann-Standerwick Heal, his first cousin, was a woman of remarkable character, and many tales were current among the grandchildren of her shrewdness and her generosity, tinged at times with an amusing strain of parsimony.

They had six sons and four daughters :—

1. Ann, born 15 August 1835 and baptized 6 October of the same year at St. Giles in the Fields. She died at Watford on 11 March 1902.

She married at Finchley in 1862 Alfred Brewer, a widower, of Lyndhurst, Church Road, Watford (son of Francis Brewer, 1788–1884, and Sarah Collins). He was born in 1825, lived for many years in Endsleigh Street, W.C., and died at Watford in 1901, having been a partner in the firm of Heal & Son from 1875 to 1894. He was a nephew of Fanny Brewer who married John-Harris Heal, senior.

They had three sons and a daughter : (1) Harris-Heal Brewer, a solicitor, born 1863, died 22 November 1891. He married, 1 September 1887, Amy Salter and they had one daughter, Margaret ; (2) Ethel-Fanny Brewer, born 1866, died 1888 ; (3) Maurice Brewer, born 1869, died 1925. He married,



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firstly, 14 June 1900, Millicent Wotton, by whom he had : Betty-Wotton Brewer (born 14 February 1902 and married 11 July 1930 Charles-Harold Beech) and Diana-Wotton Brewer (born 30 August 1904 and married 26 July 1926 Alan Maberly). Maurice Brewer married, secondly, 14 October 1915, Ruth Yates, by whom he had : Camilla-Ruth Brewer (born 17 June 1917). He was a chartered accountant, partner in the firm of Brewer & Knott and a Director of Heal & Son, Limited, 1912-1925 ; (4) Cecil-Claude Brewer, born 1871, died 10 August 1918. He married 25 May 1904 Irene Macdonald. He was a distinguished architect whose early death was a great loss to his profession. It was he who built Heal & Son's new premises in 1913-18. He was also architect, with his partner, Dunbar Smith, of the Welsh National Museum at Cardiff.

2. Fanny-Martha, born 7 June 1837, baptized 31 July of the same year at St. Giles in the Fields. She died at Osborne House, Kirkcaldy, Fifeshire, on 20 July 1891.

She married at St. Mary's, Church End, Finchley, on 6 September 1864, John-Thomson Stocks, born 18 February 1836, died at Osborne House 16 February 1898, of the firm of Robert Stocks & Son, linen manufacturers, at Kirkcaldy. By him she had two sons and three daughters : (1) Annie-Constance Stocks, born 1865, who married George-Abercrombie Mitchell (by whom she had Fanny-Constance Mitchell, born 1897,

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and George-Abercrombie Mitchell, born 1899); (2) Robert Stocks, partner in the said firm of Robert Stocks & Son, born 1868, died 1929, who married at Christ Church, Ealing, on 9 April 1904, Edith-Fanny Heal, daughter of John Heal by Anne Dolamore, his wife (by whom he had three children: Jean-Christian Stocks, born 21 April 1905; Edith-Brenda Stocks, who died; and Nancy-Heal Stocks, who died); (3) Harris-Laurence Stocks, born 1871, killed on the Somme in 1916. He married Annie Balfour and had a child, Annie-Margaret Stocks, born 1906, died 1907; (4) Edith-Christina Stocks, born 1875. She married Robert Johnstone and has four children: Alistair-Thorburn Johnstone, Edith-Frances Johnstone, Robert-Laurence Johnstone and Isobel Johnstone; (5) Fanny-Katherine Stocks, born 1878. She married in 1904 Arthur-W. Johnston. They had two sons, who are dead, and a daughter, Frances-Margaret Johnston.

3. Jessie, born 30 October 1838, baptized 7 December of the same year at St. Giles in the Fields. She died on 3 July 1839 and was buried at St. Giles's Cemetery, St. Pancras, where there is an inscription to her memory (*see* pp. 106, 108 and 112).
4. Alice, born 9 December 1840, baptized 10 February 1841 at St. Giles in the Fields. She died 1 February 1888. She married in 1863 Webster Adams, M.D., of Ipswich (born 30 August 1841, died 1900). They



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had three sons and two daughters : (1) Webster-Angell Adams, born 30 June 1864, died 1895. He married A. Coomber and had a child, Nina-Webster Adams, born 1894 ; (2) Harry-Percy Adams, born 26 October 1865, died 1930. An architect who specialised in the planning of hospitals. He built the King Edward VII. Sanatorium at Midhurst and his firm, Adams, Holden & Pearson, were responsible for the Underground Railway Offices at St. James's Park. The sculptures on this imposing building, by Epstein, Eric Gill and other artists, created something of a sensation when they were disclosed in 1929. For this building the firm was awarded The R.I.B.A. London Architecture Medal for that year. By his first wife, Cicillia-Clara Staddon (married 22 May 1890), he had a son, Cecil-Clare Adams, born 1891, who married Louisa-Augusta Kirkpatrick and has issue. By his second wife, Alice-Mildred Mathieson (married 10 February 1896), he had two sons and a daughter : Percy-Webster Adams, born 1900, who married Gwendoline Wright ; Basil-Mallandaine Adams, born 1901 ; and Kathleen-Mildred Adams, born 1905 ; (3) Alfred-Brewer Adams, born 1 April 1868 ; (4) Alice Adams, born in 1869. She married Percy Newell, of Crowborough, and has two children : Cameron-Percy Newell (born in 1895, is married and has issue) and Marjorie-Alice Newell, born in 1898 ; (5) Jessie Adams, born 1871, died 1872.



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5. Harris, of Buckland Crescent, N.W., later of 47, Bryanston Square, born 25 January 1843, baptized 12 May of the same year at St. Giles in the Fields. He married at St. Paul's, Avenue Road, N.W., 24 July 1879, Helen, daughter of Donald Nicoll, of Oaklands Hall, London, N.W., had no issue, and died 13 August 1906 at Harrogate. He was a partner in Heal & Son from 1875 till his death, after which the firm was turned into a limited liability company. In 1892 he, like his father, was Master of the Painter Stainers' Company.
6. John, for whom *see below*.
7. Frank, born 24 March 1846, baptized 11 August of the same year at St. Giles in the Fields. He died at Plympton, Devon, 14 October 1920. He was a barrister-at-law and lived for many years at The Grange, Mill Hill. On 24 March 1877 at Marylebone he married Alice, daughter of Henry-Mihill Dolamore, of 38, Baker Street, London. She was born 14 August 1854 and died at 8, Carlton Hill, St. John's Wood, on 27 March 1886. They had a son and two daughters :—
  1. Philip, born 1878, died in infancy.
  2. Mary-Alice, born 30 August 1879, died in March 1920. In April 1906 she married, at All Souls, Langham Place, Charles-Henry Stevens, M.D., and had two children : Frances-Beryl Stevens, born 2 March 1907, and Patrick Stevens, born 1918.
  3. Phyllis-Helen, born 10 November

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1881. On 18 April 1914 she married at the Garrison Church, Up. Park Camp, Jamaica, Captain Joseph-Seymour Biscoe and has two sons: John-Seymour Biscoe, born 14 November 1915, and Bryan-Seymour Biscoe, born 9 October 1918.

8. Ambrose, born 7 October 1847, baptized 14 January 1848 at St. Giles in the Fields. He died at Aviemore, Inverness-shire, on 10 October 1913, and is buried at Pinner, where there is an inscription to his memory. He was a partner in Heal & Son from 1875 to 1906, when he became first Chairman of Heal & Son, Limited. He married at Finchley, 5 July 1871, Emily-Maria, daughter of Thomas Stephenson, of Flora Cottage, Finchley. She was born 9 August 1849 and is now living at Nower Hill, Pinner. From the time of his marriage he lived at Crouch End until he removed to Nower Hill, Pinner, in 1895. He formed a very large topographical collection relating to the parish of St. Pancras, on which he was engaged for a period of over thirty years. He bequeathed it to St. Pancras Library, where it is carefully housed.

He had three sons and two daughters:—

1. Ambrose, born at Crouch End 3 September 1872. He was taken into partnership in Heal and Son and became Managing Director of Heal & Son, Limited, in 1907. On the death of his father in 1913 he became Chairman and

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Managing Director. He is the author of "London Tradesmen's Cards of the 18th Century" (1925) and "The English Writing Masters and their Copy Books, 1570-1800" (1931). By his first wife, Alice-Rose, daughter of Alexander Rippingille (born 24 November 1859, married at Torquay 21 February 1895, died at Pinner 4 May 1901), he had a son, Cecil-Ambrose, born at Pinner 23 October 1896, died of wounds near Poperinghe 3 July 1915, being then a Second Lieutenant in the 3rd Wiltshire Regiment. By his second wife, Edith-Florence-Digby, daughter of John Todhunter, M.D. (Trin. Coll., Dublin), of Orchard Croft, Bedford Park, London (born 4 September 1880 at King Henry's Road, London, N.W., and married at The Register Office, Broad Street, Holborn, 20 August 1904), he had two sons and two daughters: Barbara-Alison, born at Pinner 7 November 1905, died there 25 December 1906; Anthony-Standerwick, born at Pinner 23 February 1907; Pamela-Margery, born at Pinner 3 July 1908; and John-Christopher, born at Pinner 2 October 1911.

2. Emily-Mabel, born at Crouch End 28 September 1874. She married at Pinner, 26 November 1896, George Lewis, of Bushey Hall Road, Bushey, Herts (a partner in the firm of Taylor,



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Rowley & Lewis, solicitors), and has four daughters : Dorothy Lewis, born at Bushey 1897, married 14 May 1927 Douglas Ogden and has issue ; Mary Lewis, born at Bushey 1899, married 17 October 1922 Reginald Rose and has issue ; Barbara Lewis, born at Bushey 1903, married 21 June 1930 George Glossop ; and Nancy Lewis, born at Bushey in May 1908.

3. Harold, born at Crouch End 25 September 1876. Of Darwell Hill, Netherfield, Sussex. Head of the firm of Staples & Co., Ltd. He received the royal warrant of appointment of wire mattress and bedstead manufacturer to H.M. The King Jan. 1923. Married at Marylebone Parish Church, 24 May 1922, Marjorie-Emerson, daughter of Henry-Bartlett Smith, of Leamington Spa.
4. Marguerite-Constance, born at Crouch End 4 April 1880. She married at Falfield, Glos, on 26 April 1905, William-Bathurst Dove, M.A., M.B. and B.Ch. (Cambridge) 1897, M.R.C.S.Eng. and L.R.C.P.Lond. 1897, Cambridge & London Hospital. Of Tamarisk, South Lancing, Sussex. They have two children : William-Stewart-Bathurst Dove, born in March 1906 at Leatherhead, and Marguerite-Sylvia Dove, born in April 1908 at Leatherhead, married in 1929 Alec Ward and has issue.

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5. Ralph, born at Crouch End 3 October 1882. Partner in Heal & Son, 1905. On the formation of the Company in 1907 he was appointed a Managing Director. Of Lusted's Farm, Hankham, Pevensy, where he died 30 January 1931. He married Edith-Muriel, daughter of Arthur Toovey, of Mount Cottage, Pinner, on 6 June 1905, at Pinner. No issue.
9. Armitage, born 17 October 1848, baptized 14 December of the same year at St. Giles in the Fields. He died (? at Thetford) 16 January 1888, unmarried.
10. Edith, born 19 November 1849, baptized 25 April 1850 at St. Giles in the Fields. She died at Finchley 7 November 1874, being buried in St. Pancras Cemetery, Finchley, where there is an inscription to her memory (*see* p. 109).
11. Hugh-Speed, born 7 March 1851, baptized 28 October of the same year at St. Giles in the Fields. He lived at Southampton and died at 15, Winn Road there on 26 April 1913. He married at St. Martin's in the Fields on 8 December 1891 Harriett, daughter of Francis-Douglas-Fox Norton, of Gray's Inn, solicitor. No issue.

## XI. JOHN HEAL, OF FINCHLEY.

*b.* 1844 ; *d.* 1915.

John Heal, the son of John-Harris Heal by Ann-Standerwick Heal, his wife, was born 21 August 1844 and baptized at St. Giles in the Fields 29 November of the same year. As the result of an accident he died at St. Mary's Hospital, Paddington, on 26 April 1915. He was partner in the firm of Bloor & Heal, leather-dressers, of Snow Hill, Holborn, and for many years he lived at Hertford Lodge, Finchley. On his marriage at Christ Church, Ealing, 19 November 1869, to Anne, daughter of Henry-Mihill Dolamore, of 38, Baker Street, London, he described himself as a tea-broker. His wife was born in 1843 and died at 9, Strathray Gardens, Eton Avenue, London, N.W., on 13 March 1928. They had three sons and four daughters :—

1. John-Harris Heal, born at Finchley 1 February 1871. Inspector-General of Mines at Bangkok, Siam, 1902–1917. Now living at Budleigh Salterton, South Devon.
2. Carlton-Burwood Heal, of whom later.
3. Edith-Fanny, born at Finchley 28 October 1874. As already stated, she married at Christ Church, Ealing, 9 April 1904, Robert Stocks, linen manufacturer of Kirkcaldy, and has issue.
4. Beatrice-Ruth, born at Finchley 18 July 1876. She married at All Souls, Langham Place, on 25 December 1902, Roland-Browell-Barnes Wimbush, a Member of the London Stock



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Exchange, and has three sons and two daughters: (1) Joan Wimbush, born 12 December 1902, married 5 December 1929 Ernest-Corburn Nisbet; (2) Roland-Crosley Wimbush, born 23 June 1905; (3) Kenneth-Scott Wimbush, born 19 April 1909; (4) Robert-Anthony Wimbush, born 15 March 1912; and (5) Patience Wimbush, born 3 November 1913.

5. Dorothy-Margaret, born at Finchley 18 February 1878. She married at The Register Office, Marylebone, 15 August 1924, Joseph Byrne, sometime of Berlin. He died at Cannes, March 1931.
6. Annie-Emily ("Nancy"), born at Finchley 6 February 1880. She died at Ealing 6 October 1907.
7. Geoffrey-Arnold, born at Finchley 21 July 1885. Now living at 1060, St. David Street, Oakbay, Victoria, British Columbia. He married at St. Luke's, Southampton, 20 February 1909, Lily Archard, of Bradford-on-Avon, Wiltshire, and has a son, Philip, born at Esquimalt, British Columbia, in 1915.

## XII. CARLTON-BURWOOD HEAL, OF RUNCORN.

*b.* 1872.

Carlton-Burwood Heal, son of John Heal by Anne Dolamore, his wife, was born at Ealing 10 January 1872. He is now living at The Highlands, Runcorn, and is a tanner. He married 18 July 1901, at the Penketh Wesleyan Chapel, near Warrington, Lancs., Hilda-Mary-Susannah, daughter of Robert Garnett, of Penketh near Warrington, by Mary James, his wife. They are the parents of three sons and two daughters :—

1. John-Carlton Heal, of whom later.
2. Robert-Garnett Heal, born 12 October 1904 at Duston, Northamptonshire, an architect.
3. Charles-Felix Heal, born 6 May 1907 at Duston, Northamptonshire.
4. Rachel-Mary, born 11 September 1911 at Dumfries, Scotland.
5. Hilda-Marianne, born 10 March 1913 at Penketh near Warrington.

### XIII. JOHN-CARLTON HEAL, M.D., OF EXETER.

*b.* 1902.

John-Carlton Heal, son of Carlton-Burwood Heal by Hilda-Mary-Susannah Garnett, his wife, was born at Duston, Northamptonshire, on 13 June 1902. He is now of Fairfield House, Alphington Road, Exeter, M.B. and B.Ch. of Liverpool University, M.R.C.S.Eng. and L.R.C.P.Lond. He married at Jesmond parish church, Newcastle-upon-Tyne, 27 September 1927, Winifred-Ann, daughter of Ralph Nicholson, M.A.Camb., Canon of Newcastle-upon-Tyne. She also took her M.B. and B.Ch. at Liverpool University. They are the parents of one child, John-Harris Heal, for whom *see* next page.



#### XIV. JOHN-HARRIS HEAL.

*b.* 1930.

John-Harris Heal, son of John-Carlton Heal by Winifred-Ann Nicholson, his wife, was born at Exeter 24 April 1930.

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### THE LATER HEALS OF CHEW MAGNA.

IN our account of "I. William Heal, of Chew Magna, Somerset," we have said (p. 7) that his son John was the ancestor of a branch of the family long settled at Bishop's Sutton. To this we can add the following notes about that John Heal and his descendants:—

### II. JOHN HEAL, SON OF WILLIAM, OF CHEW MAGNA.

He is mentioned in his father's will, 1568 (*see* p. 73).

In 1569 he married on 10 November at Chew Magna, as "John at Heale," Joane, the widow of — Hasell and the daughter of — King. They are both described as of Bishop's Sutton (*see* p. 97).

She was buried as Joane, wife of John Heale, on 20 June 1599, at Chew Magna (*see* p. 98).

On 20 December 1599, exactly six months after his first wife's burial, he married Mary Norse at Chew Magna (*see* p. 97).

On 3 February 1599–1600 John Heale, of Sutton Weekes in the parish of Chew Magna, yeoman, made his will (*see* p. 76). He left a bed, etc., to his wife Mary, To his son John Heale he left half his plough-harness. His best cow he left to his daughter Mary Prattant and a heifer to her daughter Elizabeth Prattant, with a similar legacy to his godson William Prattant, a son of his daughter Mary. His goods he left equally between his son William Heale and his daughter Elizabeth Heale, appointing the latter his sole executrix. He mentions that his said son William is to have the house in which he, the testator, dwells. As overseers he appoints his friends David Harris, of Bristol, and Thomas Kynge, of Stoke, leaving each of them 3s. 4d. for his pains. Witnesses:— David Harryes and Thomas Kynge (evidently the said overseers). This will was proved at Wells 23 January

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1600-1601 by the said daughter, who exhibited an inventory of his goods totalling £167 10s. 6d. From a deposition\* made by his son John in 1636 we learn that John Heal, the father, at one time was the Reeve of the local manor.

He was buried at Chew Magna 3 January 1600-1601 as John Heale, of Sutton Weekes (*see* p. 98).

His children were :—

1. Mary, who married at Chew Magna, 26 April 1591, Walter Prattant (*see* p. 97).  
She and her two children, Elizabeth Prattant and William Prattant, are named in her father's will, 1599-1600 (p. 76).  
This William Prattant, of Chew (described as "cozen" = nephew), is named in the will of his mother's uncle, Otys Heal, 1602 (p. 78).
2. William (evidently named after John's brother William Heal, of West Pennard, for whom *see* p. 9), of whom later.
3. John, baptized 27 October 1574 at Chew Magna (*see* p. 95), where he was buried 13 October 1578 (*see* p. 98).
4. Grace, baptized 6 October 1575 at Chew Magna (*see* p. 95), where she was buried 10 January 1577-8 (*see* p. 98).
5. John, born in or about the year 1576, being 60 years of age in 1636, as will appear below.

From this fact we know that the entry in the Chew Magna registers (*see* p. 98) : "John, son of John Heale, buried 7 April 1580," is a mistake for some other name.

He is mentioned in his father's will, 1599-1600 (*see* p. 76).

As "John Heale, of Bushop Sutton in Chew Magna, Somerset, yeoman, aged 60 years or thereabouts," he gave evidence on 5 April 1636 in a Chancery action brought by Sir Francis Popham against the

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\* Public Record Office, London, Chancery Depositions, Elizabeth to Charles I., P. 25/12.



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Revd. John Fabian about the tithes of Chew. In his evidence he mentions that he holds the tenement called Perry House "in the right of Elizabeth his mother-in-law" and that his father had been Reeve.\* We know that he left a will as it is mentioned in the will (*see* p. 81) of his nephew John Heal.

6. Elizabeth, baptized at Chew Magna 8 November 1579 (*see* p. 96).

She was living and unmarried in 1599–1600, when her father made his will (*see* p. 76).

7. Otys, buried at Chew Magna 30 September 1580 (*see* p. 98).

8. Thomas, buried at Chew Magna 11 September 1589 (*see* p. 98).

John Heal, the father of the above children, may have been married three times, as in the Chew Magna registers there is an entry (*see* p. 95) that "Isabel daughter of John at Heel" was baptized 30 October 1564, viz. nearly five years before John married Joane Hasell.

### III. WILLIAM HEAL, OF BISHOP SUTTON.

(For whom *see* p. 56.)

He was baptized at Chew Magna 11 February 1573–4 (*see* p. 95).

He married, firstly, at Chew Magna, 29 March 1606, Elizabeth, daughter of Edmund Keen, of Wrington (*see* p. 97), and by her had the following children:—

1. John, of whom later.
2. Henry, mentioned in his father's will (*see* p. 81), 1640. His children (Ann, William, Henry, Sarah, Alexander and Henry), born 1647–1659.
3. William, baptized at Chew Magna 29 August 1613 (*see* p. 96).

We know that he died young because he is not mentioned in his father's will, 1640 (*see* p. 81);

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\* Public Record Office, London, Chancery Depositions, Elizabeth to Charles I., P. 25/12.

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the William there mentioned being a younger son who was baptized in 1624-5 (*see below*).

4. Thomas, baptized at Chew Magna 20 December 1618 (*see p. 96*).

He is not mentioned in his father's will, 1640 (*see p. 81*).

5. Elizabeth, baptized at Chew Magna 17 October 1619 (*see p. 96*).

We know that she died young because she is not mentioned in her father's will, 1640 (*see p. 81*); the Elizabeth there mentioned being a younger daughter who was baptized in 1620 (*see below*).

6. Elizabeth, baptized at Chew Magna 16 July 1620 (*see p. 96*).

She is mentioned in her father's will, 1640 (*see p. 81*).

7. Mary, baptized at Chew Magna 26 May 1622 (*see p. 96*).

She is not mentioned in her father's will, 1640 (*see p. 81*), being evidently already provided for on her marriage.

The will of her brother John (*see p. 81*), 1657-8, mentions: "my sister Mary Binney."

The will of her brother William (*see p. 82*), 1665, mentions: his sister Mary Beney and his god-daughter Mary Beney.

8. Timothy, baptized at Chew Magna 23 July 1623 (*see p. 96*).

He is mentioned in his father's will, 1640 (*see p. 81*). His daughter, Elizabeth, was born 1655.

9. Matthew, baptized at Chew Magna 27 February 1623-4 (*see p. 96*).

He is mentioned in his father's will, 1640 (*see p. 81*).

10. William, baptized at Chew Magna 9 January 1624-5 (*see p. 96*).

On 19 July 1660 he had administration with the will annexed of his brother John, being the guardian of John's only child, John (*see p. 81*).

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In 1665 the will of William Heale, of Bishop Sutton (dated the same year), was proved. He mentions his wife Catheren, his sister Mary Beney and his god-daughter Mary Beney (*see* p. 82).

The father of the above children married, secondly, Margery —— (who is mentioned in his will, 1640, *see* p. 81), and by her he had further children:—

11. Agnes, baptized at Chew Magna 2 May 1632 (*see* p. 96).

She is mentioned as his daughter “Anne” in her father’s will, 1640 (*see* p. 81)—the name “Agnes” and “Anne” being interchangeable at that date.

12. Susanna, baptized at Chew Magna 9 January 1635–6 (*see* p. 96).

She is mentioned in her father’s will, 1640 (*see* p. 81).

The will of William Heale, of Chew Magna, was proved in 1640 (dated the same year). He mentions his sons: Henry, Timothy, Matthew and William (but not his eldest son John); his daughters: Elizabeth, Anne and Susanna; his wife: Margerie; also John Heale and Thomas Heale (relationship not stated) (*see* p. 81).

The absence of any necessity for a testator to mention his eldest son has already been commented upon (*see* p. 3).

### IV. JOHN HEAL, OF BISHOP SUTTON.

(For whom *see* p. 57.)

John, son of William at Heale, was baptized at Chew Magna 24 February 1610–11 (*see* p. 96).

He married at Chew Magna, 16 June 1647, Joan Haine, of Hutton in Somerset (*see* p. 97).

He made a will “by word of mouth” on 16 January 1657–8, leaving to his sister Mary Binney a bed. He committed the care of John Heale, his only child, to his brother William Heale, saying: “Brother, pray take this little boy” (meaning his son and pointing to him), “and look to him.” The said brother was appointed to sell the cattle and pay the legacies given by the wills of



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Elizabeth Locke, widow, testator's "mother" (=mother-in-law), and of John Heale, testator's uncle. On 19 July 1660 administration with the will annexed was granted to the brother William during the minority of testator's son (*see* p. 81).

John and Joan Heal were the parents of an only child :—

### V. JOHN HEAL, OF BISHOP SUTTON.

He was born at Ellbrough in Hutton, Somerset, 18 July 1648 and was baptized at Chew Magna on 10 August of the same year (*see* p. 96).

He was between ten and twelve years of age when his father died, leaving him an orphan in the care of the child's uncle, William Heal (*see* p. 81).

He married at Wells 24 October 1672 Mary Sherborne, of Widecomb in Chewton, but he had the marriage recorded at Chew Magna (*see* p. 97).

He was "sometime of Bristoll and sometime of Chew" (*see* p. 95).

He was Churchwarden of Chew Magna in 1674, 1676 and 1691 (*see* pp. 95 and 98).

In 1679–80 he named one of his sons "Warwick," thus clearly indicating that he considered himself a relative of Sir Warwick Hele, who was knighted in 1603 and died about 1626. A Warwick Hele's proved descent from Roger de la Heale, temp. Hen. III. (*see* p. xxii), had been recorded in 1620 at the College of Arms.\*

In 1701 John Heal wrote a couplet in English and Latin in the parish-register of Chew Magna (*see* p. 95), and in the same year he annotated some of the Heal entries in that volume (pp. xxii and 95–98), insisting on "at Heale" being the correct form of the surname, so that we have plenty of evidence that he took considerable interest in the history of the family.

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\* "Heraldic Visitation of Devonshire," 1620, Harleian Society's Publications, Vol. VI, pp. 145 and 146.

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He was buried at Chew Magna 24 November 1710 as "Mr. John at Heale of Sutton" (*see* p. 98).

John and Mary Heal had issue:—

1. John, baptized at Chew Magna 18 September 1673 (*see* p. 96) and buried there 12 February 1673-4 (*see* p. 98).
2. Mary, baptized at Chew Magna 1 April 1674 (*see* p. 96).
3. John, baptized at Chew Magna 12 December 1677 (*see* p. 97).
4. Joan, baptized at Chew Magna 12 February 1678-9 (*see* p. 97).
5. Warwick, baptized at Chew Magna 6 February 1679-80 (*see* p. 97).
6. William, baptized at Chew Magna 16 November 1681 (*see* p. 97).
7. William, baptized at Chew Magna 21 March 1682-3 (*see* p. 97).

We have not attempted to trace this branch of the family further downwards, but the late Mr. Frederick A. Wood, in his "History of Chew Magna," published in 1903, notes that a John at Heale was living at Chew Magna in the year 1800, so this family must have been resident in that parish for nearly 500 years.

## APPENDIX B.

### I. THE EARLY HISTORY OF HEAL & SON.

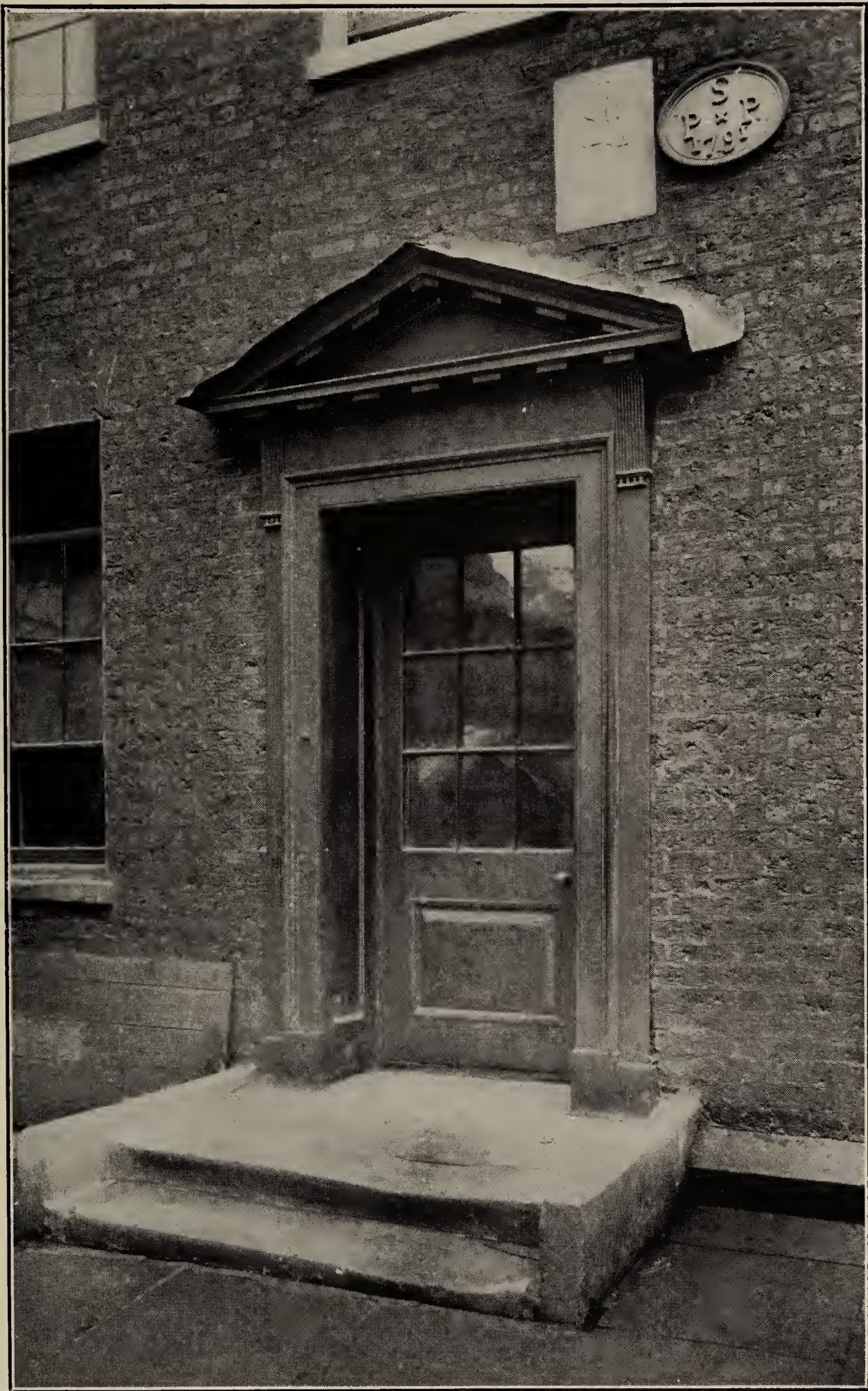
1810-1860.

THE Old Farm House which stood behind No. 196, Tottenham Court Road was taken down in 1913 to make room for a new bedding factory. Shortly before its demolition a meeting of the London and Middlesex Archæological Society was held to view this interesting old building (15 March 1913). My father, Ambrose Heal, prepared a paper which was read at this meeting. It gave a short history of the farm and some account of the tenants. These notes can be referred to in the published Transactions of the Society. A great deal of care went towards the preparation of this paper, and the information contained in it regarding the history of the firm of Heal & Son was the result of much research and some of the details given were from first-hand knowledge. Unfortunately, it has not been possible—after this lapse of time—to verify all the statements made, and we are bound to accept many of them without comment. For the purposes of this record I have made a search through the London Directories at the Guildhall Library published between the years 1800 and 1860; certain discrepancies arise between these entries and the dates given by my father. I have thought it advisable, therefore, to give his account as it was printed, together with such information as I have gathered from the Directories. It should be mentioned that the compilation of the Directories of this period was not done as carefully as it is to-day, and their evidence must not always be accepted without confirmation.

The following is the short history of the firm given by my father in the lecture referred to :—

“ In 1810 John Harris Heal, who had previously been in business with a firm at Savile House, Leicester Square, on the site of what is now the Empire Music Hall, set up business as feather dresser at 33, Rathbone Place, on the





THE DOORWAY OF THE OLD FARM-HOUSE  
which stood behind 196, Tottenham Court Road. The parish boundary  
marks are seen above the door.





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North side of Oxford Street. In 1818 he moved to 203, Tottenham Court Road.

“After his death in 1833 his widow carried on the business, taking her son, John Harris Heal, into partnership in the following year, and trading as Fanny Heal & Son. Fanny Heal died February 26 1859, and was buried in St. Pancras Cemetery at Finchley.

“In 1840 John Harris Heal the younger, who was the only son of the founder of the firm, purchased ‘Miller’s Stables,’ and erected the buildings which—as No. 196, Tottenham Court Road—were the nucleus of the premises now occupied by Heal & Son, Ltd. For eight years he lived in the house built by Mace\*. . . In 1848 Mr. Heal moved to Woburn Lodge, next to St. Pancras Church.”

Taking these points in the order given above :—

(i) *The Business in Leicester Square.* In the London Directory for 1817 Alex. A. Fonseca, real ostrich feather warehouse, occupied No. 1, Leicester Square. This house was on the N.W. corner of the square and corresponds to the site of Savile House mentioned ; but there is no other reason for identifying it with the business at Savile House referred to.

(ii) *No. 33, Rathbone Place, 1810–1818.* The only Directory to mention John-Harris Heal at this address is the issue of 1814. In 1817 the shop was in the occupancy of W. Penlay, who had a “furniture warehouse” there.

(iii) *Moved to No. 203, Tottenham Court Road in 1818.*† This is confirmed by the Directory of 1819, which gives “John Heal, mattrass (*sic*) maker,” at this address. In the issues from 1820 to 1834 we find him entered as “J. H. Heal, mattrass and feather bed manufacturer,” at 203, Tottenham Court Road.

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\* William Mace built the farm house some time previous to 1776.

† This shop stood six doors to the south of No. 196, and is illustrated in Tallis’s “London Views” (c. 1839), where it is given as “Heal & Son, French Mattress Makers & Bedding Manufacturers.”



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(iv) *Fanny Heal and her son in partnership, 1834.* The Directories 1835–1840 confirm the statement that John-Harris Heal's widow carried on the business after the death of John Harris the elder in 1833, and took her son into partnership the following year. The entries for these years read:—

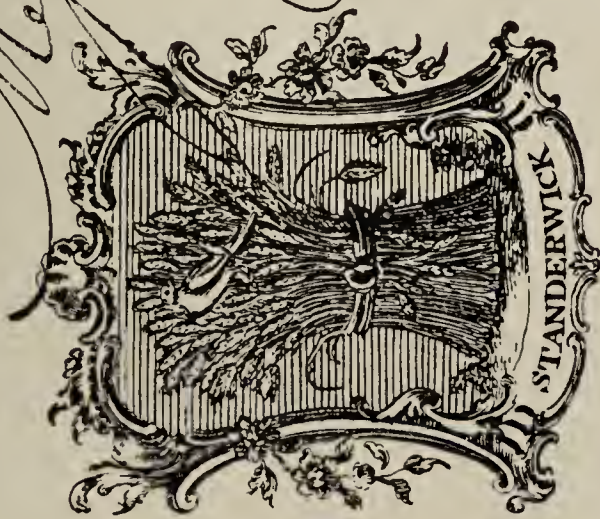
“Fanny Heal & Son, bed and mattress makers,” at 203, Tottenham Court Road.

(v) *The move to No. 196 in 1840.* The Directories 1841–1844 bear this out. The entries read: “Fanny Heal & Son, bedding manufacturers, 196, Tottenham Court Road.” It is not until 1845 that Fanny Heal's name is omitted. In that year the name John H. Heal appears for the first time at this address. This may be taken to indicate that his mother relinquished the control into his hands at this time. The following year (1846) the style of the firm is given as “John Harris Heal & Son,” but from 1847 onwards it appears invariably as “Heal & Son,” the name by which it has been known ever since.

It is interesting to note in the Directory of 1860 that the old business of “bedding manufacturers, feather dressers and eiderdown quilt makers” had been extended, and then became “bedding, bedstead and furniture manufacturers.” In that year also we find the first mention of the firm's occupancy of No. 8–12, Francis Street.

(vi) *The move to Woburn Lodge.* The statement that, at the end of eight years' (*i.e.*, in 1848) residence in the Old Farm House John-Harris Heal the younger moved his home to Woburn Lodge cannot be verified from the Directories, though my father doubtless had first-hand evidence on this point. The earliest year in which an entry is found in the Directories of John-Harris Heal at Woburn Lodge (or No. 62, Euston Square, as it was then called) is in 1854, though the census paper for the year 1851 gives him and his household at this address. He is recorded there until 1859, but in the five last years the house is given as in “Upper Woburn Place, Tavistock

*Messrs. Innes & Co. London March 2 1758*



*Bought of James Standerwick Haberdasher,  
at the Wheel Sheaf and Bird in Cornhill.*

ENGRAVED BILLHEAD OF JAMES STANDERWICK, 1758

*Mr. Leator London July 20 1840*

*Bought of F. Heal & Son.*  
**FEATHER BED & MATTRESS MANUFACTURERS.**  
*(Bed Tick, Blanket & Counterpane Warehouse,  
 196 Tottenham Court Road, opposite the Chapel.*

Old & mothly bedding effectually cured & remade.

ENGRAVED BILLHEAD OF FANNY HEAL & SON, 1840



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Square." He seems to have left there in 1860, as the occupant is then given as "Sir Wm. Carmichael Anstruther, Bart." This roomy old Regency house stood in a shady garden next door to St. Pancras Church, on the south side of it, until 1929, when it was pulled down. Presumably it was in 1860 that John Harris Heal moved his home to Grass Farm, Finchley, where he lived till his death in 1876. Grass Farm remained in the occupancy of his widow, Ann-Standerwick Heal, until her death in 1890.

I remember my uncles telling me that they used to walk across the fields from Finchley to visit their grandmother at Notting Hill, and I have noticed in the Court Directories that a Mrs. Heal lived at No. 14, Notting Hill Terrace from 1844 till 1859. I think there can be no doubt that this was Fanny Heal who retired from business about 1845, and who died in 1859.

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1840-1930.

John-Harris Heal the younger was an early convert to the power of advertising, and when Charles Dickens was publishing his novels in weekly parts John-Harris took advantage of the opportunity to advertise in these issues. In April 1840 appeared the first issue of "Master Humfrey's Clock," and the second issue contained the earliest Heal & Son advertisement, of which the Company has a copy. This was followed up by other advertisements which came out in "Dombey & Son" in 1848 and "Bleak House" in 1852. That he was alert to take other chances as they came is evident from the fact that the outbreak of the Crimean War in 1854 was quickly followed by the issue of an illustrated catalogue of "Officers' Equipment for the War," showing portable furniture, tent bedsteads, and containing a cut showing a horse loaded with officers' outfit entitled "As invented and used through the Peninsular War." In 1856 he produced and patented the "Sommier Elastique Portatif"



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spring mattress, by far the most successful thing of its kind. In the same year he issued his first catalogue of bedroom furniture, signalling the departure from the tradition of the firm to make nothing but beds and bedding. The year 1869 saw the end of the building of the new shop which had been commenced in 1854 at Nos. 196 and 197, and continued at No. 198 in 1864, and the final addition of No. 195 was completed in 1869. Fifteen years of continuous expansion and enterprise.

John-Harris Heal was Master of the Painter Stainers' Company in 1869, and was elected a member of the first London School Board, on which he continued to serve till his death in 1876.

Alfred Brewer, his son-in-law, had been in the employment of the firm since 1840, and his two sons, Harris and Ambrose Heal, came into the business in 1861 and 1867 respectively, but none of them appears to have been admitted into partnership until a deed was drawn up in 1875 between John-Harris Heal, Alfred Brewer, Harris and Ambrose Heal. Alfred Brewer retired in 1894. In 1898 Ambrose Heal, junior, who had entered the service of the firm in 1893, was made partner. Harris Heal died in 1906. He was Master of the Painter Stainers' Company in the year 1892. Soon after the death of Harris Heal, the firm—for family reasons—was turned into a small limited liability company with Ambrose Heal as Chairman and his two sons, Ambrose and Ralph, as Managing Directors. In 1912 Maurice Brewer, the son of Alfred Brewer and Ann Heal, joined the Board. The following year Ambrose Heal, senior, died, and the old Farm House was at last pulled down to make way for the erection of a new Bedding Factory. As the old leases were now beginning to run out this marked the commencement of a period of rebuilding operations which has not yet come to an end. Just before the outbreak of the Great War in 1914 the contract was signed for the rebuilding of Nos. 195 and 196, Tottenham Court Road, the loading yard in Alfred Mews, and the bedding factory behind No. 11, Francis Street.

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Slowly and with difficulty during the years which followed the new shop was erected. It was not finished until April 1917. The architect was my cousin, Cecil Brewer, of the firm of Smith & Brewer, who died shortly afterwards (*see* p. 42). It marked a great advance on the shop architecture of its time, and created something of a stir in the architectural world. This was followed by the rebuilding of the factories and warehouses at the back of Nos. 8, 9 and 10, Francis Street, and the Company now has in contemplation the completion of the scheme which embraces the whole of the frontages of Nos. 8 to 11, Francis Street, and in two or three years' time the remainder of the Tottenham Court Road frontage (Nos. 197, 198 and 199), together with the adjoining premises in Alfred Mews, will be taken in hand.

Hamilton T. Smith joined the Board of Directors in 1919. In 1925 Maurice Brewer died, and this necessitated another appointment to the Board. G. P. Stacy, who had been in the service of the firm for 36 years, was made director in 1926. In 1931 Ralph Heal died. The Board as it is at present constituted is :—

Ambrose Heal, *Chairman and Managing Director*.

Hamilton-Temple Smith } *Directors.*  
George-Percy Stacy }

It would seem likely that a fifth generation of Heals of Tottenham Court Road is ensured. The writer's son, Anthony-Standerwick Heal, entered the company's service in 1929.



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### ROOD, HEAL & CO.

THIS firm of bedding manufacturers was founded some years earlier than that of Heal & Son, and must not be confused with it. This Heal was Ambrose Heal (*see* pp. xv and 33), son of Ambrose Heal of Kingston Deverill and Gillingham, and younger brother of John-Harris Heal the elder ; he was born in 1779 and died at Combe Down in 1837. (*See* transcript from his tombstone at Monkton Combe on p. 107.)

The first mention in the Directories of this firm is in 1805, under the style of "Rood & Heal's bedding warehouse," at 29, Old Compton Street, Soho ; in later entries they are described as "Rood, Heal & Co., wholesale feather and bedding manufacturers." From 1821 onwards they are given as of 24, Old Compton Street, and also at subsidiary addresses in Maiden Lane, Battle Bridge, and John Street, St. Pancras.

Ambrose Heal seems to have retired to Monkton Combe, near Bath, about 1830, for in the Directory of 1831 the style of the firm is altered to Rood, Nightingale & Rood, and so continues until 1842, when it becomes Nightingale & Rood.

The firm continued under this name until 1844, when, on the death of Charles Nightingale, his sons William and Charles left the firm and set up their own business at 65, Dean Street, Soho.

The original business was still carried on under the name of John Yeoman Rood & Co., at 29, Old Compton Street, and also at No. 9, Maiden Lane, King's Cross, and this name continues to appear in the Directories up till 1857 and possibly later, but I have not traced it any further than that.

It is interesting to note that the firm W. and C. Nightingale, bedding and quilt manufacturers, are still carrying on their business at 65, Dean Street, Soho, where they have been well known for many years as wholesale bedding manufacturers.



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The early history of this firm is rather involved because in the Directories from 1808 to 1811 there are entries of "Maggs, Heal & Rood, Wholesale Bed Tick Warehouse," at 11, Great St. Helens.\* It will be noticed that during these years the firm of Rood & Heal were already established at 29, Old Compton Street.

It would appear that there was something more than a mere business connection between the Heal family and that of Maggs; for on the occasion of the marriage between Betsy Heal and Thomas Gauntlett at Gillingham, Dorset, on 8 December 1800, the Register was signed by "Emma Maggs and Ambrose Heal (father)." I am told by Mr. Maggs, the well-known bookseller of Conduit Street, that his family originated from the village of Radstock, near Midsomer-Norton, in Somerset.

Ambrose Heal also seems to have been connected in business with a Henry Jarvis, of No. 171, Tottenham Court Road. In an assignment in trust for creditors dated 6 February 1810, made by James Crump, of 2, Duncan Place, St. Martin's-in-the-Fields, the trustees named were Ambrose Heal of Old Compton Street, bedding warehouseman, and Henry Jarvis of Tottenham Court Road, bedstead maker. Ambrose Heal executed the deed "A. Heal for self and partner."

In the 1814 and 1817 Directories the name of Henry Jarvis, bedstead and cornice maker, is given at No. 171, Tottenham Court Road. In one of the old ledgers of Heal & Son the name of Henry Jervis (*sic*) appears as a bad debtor in 1846.

James and Richard Crump were cabinet makers and upholsterers. They were sons of John Crump, also a cabinet maker.

I am indebted for the above information to Mr. R. Hughes Abell, Secretary to the Worcester Chamber of Commerce—it so happens that the offices of the Chamber (85, High Street, Worcester) formed part of the property of John Crump in 1759. The deeds relating to assign-

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\* See p. 135.

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ment were therefore in Mr. Abell's custody, and he kindly acquainted me of their existence.

It would appear from these documents that Ambrose Heal was connected in some way with this business of Jarvis's bedstead manufactory at 171, Tottenham Court Road, at the same time that his elder brother, John-Harris Heal the first, was in the business in Leicester Square, and before he (John-Harris) had set up for himself in Rathbone Place.

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### EVIDENCES IN SUPPORT OF THE FOREGOING GENEALOGY.

#### I. WILLS AND ADMINISTRATIONS.

THE WILL OF ISABEL HEAL, OF CHEW MAGNA, CO.  
SOMERSET, 1542 (*see* p. 1).

(Wells Probate, at Exeter Probate Registry.)

The Will of Isabell Atthele, of Chew. Dated 21 March 33 Hen. VIII (=1541-2). To be buried in the churchyard of Chewe. To Chewe Church 8d. To Stowey ys church 8d. To every of my godchildren 2d. To Alice my daughter 3 platters and my weddyng rynge. To Margaret my daughter my best gyrdell. And she that longest liveth of them both to have the same gyrdell. To John Hele a posnett and a sawser that is new. To Johane Hele my best cappe and a kyrchew. To Henry Hele a crocke. The residue to William Hele my son and he to be executor. Witnesses: Sir Thomas Smyth, priest, John Bowman, clerke, and Henry Selwood.

The above will was proved in the Cathedral Church of Wells on 18 April 1542. An Inventory, totalling 36s. 1d., was exhibited.

THE WILL OF THOMAS HEAL, OF CHEW, CO. SOMERSET,  
1544 (*see* p. xxix).

(Wells Probate, at Exeter Probate Registry.)

The Will of Thomas athele, of Chew. Dated 7 March 1543-4. To be buried in the churchyard of Chew. All my goods to Jone my wife and she to be executrix.

Witnesses: Sir John Broke, curate, John Shurborne, William at Hele.

Proved in the church of Chew on the last day of March 1544. An Inventory, totalling 48s. 6d., was exhibited.

THE WILL OF AGNES HEAL, OF CHEW, CO. SOMERSET,  
WIDOW, 1554 (*see* p. xxix).

(Wells Probate, at Exeter Probate Registry.)

The Will of Agnis Attheyle, of Chew, widow. Dated 22 September 1552, 6 Edward VI. To be buried in the



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churchyard of Chew. To my daughter my best cerchew and my best necerchewe. To An Fysher my daughter's daughter 2 platters, 2 potingers, 2 sawsers and a candelstike. I will that John Curties my neyfe while I live or after my lyfe bye my purchase other wise called my tenement to have hit after me and as for my overland wich ys bowghte all redie I the forename Agnis atheyle do make the said John Curtyes to have and enioye it after me (? my assynge during my scathent). The rest of my goods I geve and bequeth to Johan Curtyes my (*sic*—? his) wyf whom I make my soule executor.

Witnesses: John Brouke, curate of Chew, Thomas Veile, Thomas Kynge.

Proved in the Cathedral Church of Wells 17 April 1554.

WILL OF JOHN HOLBROOK, OF SUTTON WEEKS IN CHEW MAGNA, CO. SOMERSET, 1569 (*see* p. 2).

Dated 3 September 1568. He mentions his sons Henry, John, Thomas and Roger. He appoints his wife Joan executrix and William At Heale and John Purnell the elder overseers.

Henrie At Heale is one of the witnesses.

Proved at Wells 13 June 1569.

THE WILL OF WILLIAM AT HEALE, OF CHEW MAGNA, CO. SOMERSET, 1569 (*see* p. 2).

(Wells Probate, June 1569, at Exeter Probate Registry.)

In the name of God Amen the xxiiijth daie of Februarie et Anno dm. 1568 I William at Heale of Sutton Weeks w'thin the p'ishe of Chewe Magna in the countie of Som'sett husbandman sick and weake in bodie but of good and p'fecte rem'ebrace (God be praised) mak my laste will and testament in man' and forme folowinge Firste I bequeath my soule unto Almightye God and my bodie to be buried in the churchyard of Chewe Magna I geve to St. Androes church of Wells iiij d. Also I geve and bequeathe to the pore mens box iiij s. iiij d. It'm I geve to the reparations of the churche ij s. I geve also and bequeath to ev'ie of my godchildren iiij d. a piece I geve also and bequeathe to Henry my sonne a hosecloth

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of puke died alredie I geve also and bequeth to John Stokes a yerlinge bullock Also I give and bequeathe to Julian Stocks my wives best kirtell and a peticoate cloth and a cupborad I geve also and bequeath to Agnes Purnell my wiefes second best garment Also I geve and bequeath to Isable my dawghter a cassack of puke died alredie and a peticoate clothe and my wifes third garment and a fether bed and a payere of shetts a payre of blanketts a cov'lett and a bolster and xij li. vj s. viij d. of good and lawfull monie of Englonde and my secounde beste cowe Also I give and bequeath to Nicholas Gale xl s. of good and lawfull money of Englund w'ch sayed sumes of money I will presentlie that they be deliv'ed and paied unto Isable my sayed dawghter w'th her other legacies before mentioned and also to the above named Nicholas Gayte (*sic*) Also I give and bequeathe to Otys my sonne v li. of good and lawfull monie of Englund to be deliv'ed unto hym when he is xxj yeres of adge Also I geve and bequeathe to Richarde my sonne vj li. of good and lawfull monie of Englonde to be deliv'ed unto hym when he shalbe of the same aidge Also my will is that the longest livier of my twoe sonnes Otes and Richard shall enioye his other brothers portion of monie and if God doe his will by them boethe then I will there ij p'tes to be devided emongeste my other children livinge It'm I give and bequeathe to Isable Webbe a cowe and one silv' spoon whiche legacies shalbe delivered unto her when she is eighteen yers of adge Also I give and bequeathe to Margerie Webbe one ewe to be deliv'ed unto her when she shalbe of the same adge I geve also unto my sonnes John Henrie and Roger to ev'ie of them iij silv' spones a peice and that they be delivered unto them furthw'th I geve also and bequeath unto my dawghter Isable fowre silver spones presentlie to be delivered and unto my dawghter Julian iij silver spones presentlie to be deliv'ed I give also to my sonnes Otes and Richard iiij silv' spones to ev'ie of them and they shall have them at th' adge abovenamed The reste of all my goods and cattalls not geaven nor bequeathed after my debtes paied I give and



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bequeath to Henrie my sonne whome I mak and ordayne executor of this my last will and testament I make and ordayne overseers of this my laste will and testament Richard Holbyn and Roger Shepborne whome I will to be ayders unto my sonnes Otes and Richard and to use them and there legacies at there discretion and I give to eche of my overseers for there paynes a crowne a peice Dated the daye and yere above written in the presence of John Cicell clark and mi'ster John Gatts and Thomas Appowell wittnesses hereunto.

Also I give and bequeathe to Roger my sonne v li. to be d'd when he shall require the same.

Proved 13 June 1569. Total of Inventory noted as lxxi li. xij s. ij d. (£71 : 12 : 2).

THE WILL OF RICHARD HEAL, OF EMBORROW, CO.  
SOMERSET, 1584 (*see* p. 6).

(Wells Probate, Vol. 27, fol. 80, at Exeter Probate Registry.)

In the name of God Amen. The xxiiiith daye of August in the xxvjth yeere of the raigne of o'r sov'raigne Ladie Elizabeth by the grace of God of England Fraunce & Ireland queene defender of the faithe &c. I Richard Heale of the parishe of Enburrowgh w'thin the countie of Som's't being sick in bodie but p'fect of memorie praise be given unto God doe make my last will and testament in mann' and forme followinge first I commend and bequeathe my soule unto Almighty God and my bodie to be buried in the churchyard of Enburrowghe Item whearas Agnes my wife is att this present w'th childe if it please God to send her thearof good deliverie and the childe live then my will is and I give unto the saide childe Tenn poundes of goode and lawfull monye of England w'ch Tenn poundes my will is that it shall remayne and be in the handes of Agnes my saide wife soe longe as she keepeth herself widowe and whensoever shee doe marrie then my will is that the saide Tenn poundes shalbe delivered unto the handes of Thomas Hippslye my brother in lawe and Will'm Bawler to be



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putt to som' use and proffitt of the childe untill the saide childe do com' unto the aige of xxj yeers and if it happen the saide childe doe dye before it shall accomlishe the full aige of xxj yeers then my will is that half of the saide x li. w'th the proffitts thearof to remayne to my wife and thother p'te I will and give unto my brothers children such of them as my ov'rseers shall finde to have moste neede Item I will and give unto William Heale my Brother xx s. Item I give unto my fwor godchildren xij d. a peece Item I give and bequeathe unto my Mother xx s. and all the rest of my goodes and chatt's moveable and unmoveable unbequeathed my debts and funerall exp'n'ss paide I will and bequeathe to Agnes my wife whome I doe ordaine and appoynte my sole executrix Witnesses to this last will and testament John Hippeslye Esquior Thomas Hippesly and Richard Cottrell Overseers Thomas Hippesly and Will'm Bawler.

Debts due to the Testator.

In the handes of John Heale theldr xl s.

In the handes of Nicholas Evans xviiij s. iiij d.

It'm in the handes of John Sherborne theldr vj s.

It'm in the handes of Ellen Savidg vj s. vj d.

In the handes of John Dudlie xij s.

In the handes of Charles Dudlie xiiij s.

In the handes of Hunt of Wells xij s.

In the handes of Fernando Simons v s.

Proved 26 March 1585. Total of Inventory recorded as xxv li. viij s. viij d. (£25 : 8 : 8).

THE WILL OF JOHN HEAL, OF CHEW MAGNA, CO.

SOMERSET, 1599-1600 (*see* p. 55).

(Wells Probate, Vol. 29, fol. 17, at Exeter Probate Registry.)

In the name of God Amen : The third daie of Februarie in the yere of o'r Lord God accordinge to the computacon of the church of England 1599 : and in the xlijth yere of the reigne of o'r sov'aigne Lady Elizabeth by the grace of God of England Fraunce & Ireland Queene defender of the faith &c. I John Heale of Sutton Weekes in the

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p'ishe of Chewe Magna in the county of Som's't yoman beinge of perfecte mind & memorye thankes bee geven to Allmightie God and callinge to mynde the frayle & mortall estate of all mankynde & myndinge to be redy whensoever it shall please Allmighty God in mercy to call for me doe make & declare this my last will and testam't in manner & forme folowing First I geve & bequeth my soule to the hands of Allmighty God my maker hopinge by the deth & bloudshedding of my redeemer & saveor Jesus Christ to be wasshed away from all my synnes & to be one of the number of his elect and chosen children And my body I comytte to the earth from whence it came to be decently buried according to the discreation of myne executor & overseers hereunder named And as touching the disposicon of all my worldly goods wherew'th yt hath pleased Allmighty God to endowe me I geve & bequeth in manner and forme following First I geve & bequeth to Mary my wief one fetherbed w'thall his furniture w'ch standeth in the chamber wherein I doe usually lye. Item I geve & bequeth unto my sonne John Heale my worser iron bounde wheeles & the one halfe of all my plowgh harnes Item I geve unto Mary Prattant my daughter my best cowe Item I geve unto Elizabeth Prattant the daughter of the said Mary Prattant one two yeares aged heifor Item I geve unto my godson Will'm Prattant the sonne of the said Marie Prattant one heyfor of xij mothes age Item my will is that the same heyfords shalbee imployed to the use of the said children & to their best benefit from the tyme of my decease Item I will that all my debts w'ch I doe owe & am bounde to pay eyther by lawe or conscyence be well & trewlie satisfied & payd & I geve unto my sonne Will'm Heale the one halfe of all my goods & chattalls moveable and moveable (*sic*) that shall be remayning at the hower of my death after my debts legacyes & heryots bee paid & discharged. And the other halfe of all my goods & chattalls moveable & unmoveable my debts & legacyes being paid as aforesaid I geve and bequeth unto my daughter Elizabeth Heale And I doe ordayne & make



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the sayd Elizabeth Heale to be my sole executrix of this my last will & testament Item my will is that for as much as my sonne Will'm Heale is to have the howse wherein I doe nowe dwell after my decease that he shall take his halfe or moytie of my goods to him before geven for the most p'te in implements in & abowt the howse as waynscote tables benches formes bedsteeds plowghe geare cheese (payes ?) & such lyke And that my daughter Elizabeth shall have her p'te unto her geven in cattall & corne & such other things to be equally & indifferently p'ted devided & delivered accordinge to the discretyon of my overseers hereunder named And I doe ordayne and appoynt my lovinge freends David Harris of Bristoll and Thomas Kynge of Stoke to be my overseers of this my last will & testam't desyring them that this my last will & testam't may be trewlie p'formed as farr as in them lyeth & as my specyall trust is And I doe geve unto eyther of my said overseers for their paynes therin to be taken iij s. iiij d.

In witnes whereof I the said John Heale have to these p'nts set my hand the daie & yere above writen

Witnesse hereunto David Harryes Thomas Kynge (*mark*).

sign' Johis Heale (*mark*).

Proved 23 January 1600 (1600-1601) by the said executrix. Total of Inventory recorded as 167 li. 10 s. 6 d. (£167 : 10 : 6).

THE WILL OF OTYS HEAL, OF STOWEY, CO. SOMERSET, 1602  
(*see p. 5*).

(Wells Probate, Vol. 31, fol. 9, at Exeter Probate Registry.)

The last will and testament of Oats Heale, late of the p'ishe of Stowey w'thin the co'nty of Som'ss't deceased made and subscribed the xth daie of Aprill in the xliijth yeare of the raigne of our sov'aig. . . Ladie Elizabeth by the grace of God of England Fraunce and Ireland Queene defender of the faithe &c. In the p'sence of



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William Heale of Chew and William Heale of Stowie  
aforesd. anno dm. 1602 :

In dei no'nie Amen. I Oats Heale of Stowie in the county of Som'set carpenter doe make and ordaine this my last will and testament in manner and forme following vzt. : Imprimis I give and bequeath my soule into the handes of Almighty God my maker and redeemer and my bodie to bee buried in the place of Christian buriall w'thin the p'ishe of Chew : Item I give & bequeath unto my sonne John Heale all my workeing tooles and all my timber to bee deliv'ed unto him at the discretion of my overseers : Item I give and bequeath unto the sayd John my sonne the one halfe of all my goods and chattles both moveable and unmoveable : Item I give and bequeath unto Isabell my wife the other halfe of all my goods & chattles moveable & unmoveable to bee equallie devided betweene the sayd John my sonne and Isabell my wife by my overseers : Item I doe make and ordaine the sayd Isabell my wife sole executrix of this my last will and testament Item I doe make and appoynt my brother Henry Heale of Chew and my cozen William Prattant of Chew likewise overseers of this my last will and testament : and for their paines takeing heerein I doe give & bequeath to eyther of them iij s. iiij d. a peece to bee payd by my executor.

Proved 10 June 1602 by the said executrix. Total of Inventory recorded as xxxviij li. x s. x d. (£38 : 10 : 10).

THE WILL OF HENRY HEAL, OF CHEW MAGNA, CO.  
SOMERSET, 1609 (*see* p. 4).

(Bishop's Court, Wells, 1609, 45, Chew Magna T.  
Henrici Heale, at Exeter Probate Registry.)

In the name of God Amen. The sixth daie of Maye in the yere of our Lord God one thousand sixe hundred and nyne I Henrye Heale of Chew Magna in the countye of Som'ss't husbandman being sick in bodye but of good and perfect memorye thanks be gyven to thalmightye God doe make and ordeyne my last will and testament in manner and forme following First I gyve

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and com'end my soule into the mercyfull handes of thalmightie God my Creator redeemer and sanctyfier and my bodye to the earth from whence it came to be buried in Christian buriall It'm I gyve to the Cathedrall church of St. Andrewe in Welles iiij d. It'm I gyve to the poore people of the parrishe of Chew Magna afore-said xij d. It'm I gyve to Thomas Heale my sonne two steeres of two yeres old appeece being of my owne breeding two yerelings all my plough harnesse and one loade of rye. It'm I gyve to Mary my daughter ten poundes of lawfull money of England to be paid unto her att the daie of her marriage or hower of her death whether of them shall first happen It'm I gyve to Suzanna my daughter tenn pounds of lawfull money of England to be paid unto her att the daie of her marriage or hower of her death whether of them shall first happen. It'm I gyve to Will'm my sonne all my working tooles belonging to the shopp All the resydue of my goodes and chattells as well reall as p'sonall moveable and unmoveable nott before gyven or bequeathed I wholie gyve and bequeath to Agnes my wyef whome also I doe ordeyne the sole executrix of this my will Lastlie I doe constytute and appoynt my neighbor Thomas Jones and my cozen John Feere to be the overseers of this my last will wittnesses hereunto Will'm Feere and Will'm Heale.

No Probate Act but calendared among the wills proved in 1609.

WILL OF ALICE HEAL, OF CHEW MAGNA, CO. SOMERSET,  
1637 (*not identified*)

(Wells Probate, General Index 32, at Exeter Probate Registry.)

The will of Alice Heale, of Chew Magna, spinster, 1637, mentions :—

Kinswomen :	Sarah Henton.
	Agnes Henton.
	Elizabeth, daughter of James Guyer.



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Kinsmen :        John Togge.  
                  Thomas Togge.  
                  Richard Barber.  
                  Thomas Foord.  
                  John Webb.  
God-daughters : Elizabeth Webb.  
                  Frances Foord.

WILL OF WILLIAM HEAL, OF CHEW MAGNA, CO. SOMERSET,  
1640 (*see* p. 59).

(Wells Probate, General Index 37, at Exeter Probate  
Registry.)

The will of William Heale, of Chew Magna, 1640.

He mentions his sons : Henry, Timothy, Matthew  
and William ; his daughters : Elizabeth, Anne and  
Susanna ; his wife : Margarie ; also John Heale and  
Thomas Heale (relationship not stated).

WILL OF JOHN HEAL, OF CHEW, CO. SOMERSET, 1660  
(*see* p. 59).

(Prerogative Court of Canterbury, 128 Nabbs.)

Memorandum that John Heale, junior, late of Chew,  
Somerset, deceased, declared his will by word of mouth  
several times especially on 16th January 1657-8 :

To my sister Mary Binney a bed. I commit the  
care of John Heale, my son and only child, meaning  
John Heale, a minor, unto my brother William Heale  
saying brother pray take this little boy, meaning his  
son and pointing to him, and look to him. The said  
William Heale appointed to sell cattle and pay the  
legacies given by the wills of Elizabeth Locke, widow,  
my mother, deceased, and of John Heale, senior, my  
uncle.

Witnesses : Mary Sherburne and Thomas Shepard.

On 19 July 1660 administration with the above will  
annexed was granted to the said William Heale,  
guardian of John Heale, minor, natural and lawful son  
of the deceased, during the latter's minority.



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WILL OF WILLIAM HEAL, OF BISHOP SUTTON IN CHEW  
MAGNA, CO. SOMERSET, 1665 (*see* p. 59).

(Wells Probate, B.C. 118, at Exeter Probate Registry.)

The will of William Heale, of Bishop Sutton, 1665, mentions his wife Catheren, his sister Mary Beney, and his goddaughter Mary Beney.

WILL OF JOHN HEAL, OF BREWHAM, CO. SOMERSET, 1669  
(*see* pp. 13-21).

(Prerogative Court of Canterbury, 72 Coke.)

The will of John Heale, of Brewham, Somerset, yeoman, dated 1st March 1668-9. Sick in body but of sound and perfect memory. To the poor of West Pennard five shillings. To the poor of Brewham five shillings. To my grandchild William Penny £4 and to all the rest of my daughter Frye's children £3 each within six months after my death. To my daughter Margaret Fry £12 within a year after my death. To my five grandchildren John Davis, George Davis, Emanuel Davis, Mary Davis and Margaret Davis forty shillings each within a year. To my grandchildren William Champion and Robert Champion forty shillings each within a year. To my daughter Anne Morris £5 within a year. To my grandchild Mary Symmes £20 and to my daughter Symes's other three children £10 each. To my daughter Symes £20. These legacies to be paid within a year. To my grandchild Mary Heale, daughter of my son John Heale, £20. To my son John Heale's other two children £10 each. Item I give to my daughter in law Grace Heale £5. All these to be paid within one year after my decease. To my son Ambrose Heale's five children £10 each likewise within a year. To my kinsman William Gulsford £10 within a year. To my kinswoman Jane Walter forty shillings. To my kinsman John Mathew alias Lane £4. To my kinswoman Margaret Mayes ten shillings. To my brother-in-law Peter Mayes twenty shillings. To my brother-in-law Thomas Roe twenty shillings. To

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my kinswoman Elizabeth Jones ten shillings. To my grandchild John Symes £10 over and above his legacy above-mentioned. To my grandchild Ambrose Heale £10 over and above his legacy above-mentioned. To my son Ambrose Heale all my wearing apparel. To my dear wife Sarah Heale £240 within a year and one half of all my household stuff, both bedding and furniture linen pewter brass and timber vessels. Said grandchildren's legacies are to be with benefit of survivorship to deceased grandchild's brothers and sisters. To my son William Heale all my plough gear and harness. To my kinsman William Mayes twenty shillings. To my wife my brown bay mare, a cow called "Nannie" and two black yearlings. To my son Ambrose Heale the other half of all my household stuff. My son William (his executors and administrators) is to enjoy one half and my son Ambrose (his executors and administrators) is to enjoy the other half of my rovellesse (=roofless) tenement in West Pennard during the term granted upon my lease. All residue, after debts and funeral expenses paid, to my said two sons William Heale and Ambrose Heale whom I make executors of this my will. My well-beloved friends Master John Sanders and John Hutchins to be my overseers.

Testator's mark is witnessed by John Saunders, John Hutchins and William Allam.

The above will was proved by the said executors 10 June 1669.

WILL OF WILLIAM HEAL, OF SOUTH BREWHAM, SOMERSET,  
1687 (*see* p. 18).

(Wells Probate, at Exeter Probate Registry.)

In the name of God Amen the fourth day of January in the year of our Lord God one thousand six hundred eighty and six I William Heale of South Brewham in the county of Somerset yeoman daily considering with myself the uncertainty of this transitory life and that it is only a race unto death do make and ordain this my last will and testament in manner and form following



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And first I commit my soul into the hands of Almighty God as into the hands of a faithful Creator trusting assured by that through the meritorious death and passion of my Saviour Jesus Christ all my sins are done away and I am freely justified in the sight of my God And my body I commit to the earth from whence it was taken believing stedfastly that at the general resurrection both soul and body shall be reunited and received into glory And as concerning that worldly estate wherewithall it hath pleased my God to bless me I do give devise and bequeath as followeth Imprimis Whereas I stand possessed and interested of and in one messuage or tenement with the houses edifices buildings backside garden and appurtenances thereunto belonging situate and being in the south side of the High Street in Brewton in the county aforesaid for and during the remainder of a certain term of four-score and nineteen years determinable upon the several deceases of my three sons William Heale, Peter Heale and Joseph Heale, now my will and meaning is I do hereby give and bequeath the said messuage or tenement with the appurtenances unto my said son William Heale for and during so many of the said number of years as shall run out and expire in my said son William's lifetime and after his decease I give and bequeath the same with the appurtenances unto my son Thomas Heale for and during so many years of the said term as shall run out and expire in the lifetime of my said sons William and Thomas Then I give and bequeath the same with the appurtenances unto my said son Joseph Heale during the residue of the said term which shall be then to come and unexpired Item I give unto my said son William Heale ten pounds Item I give to my said son Peter Heale twenty shillings Item I give to each and every of my said son Peter's children as shall be living at the time of my decease twenty shillings apiece Item I give to my said son Joseph Heale ten pounds and twenty shillings to his son William Item I give unto my said son Thomas Heale forty pounds Item I give twenty shillings to my



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kinswoman Elizabeth Tinny And I also give five shillings to Mary Heale daughter of my brother Ambrose Heale All and singular which legacies to be paid within twelve months after my decease Item I give and bequeath unto my said son Thomas my brown starred colt my black starred heifer and the middle bed bedstead and bedding in the great chamber Item I give to my servant Mary Goswar one shilling Item all the rest of my goods and chattles I give and bequeath unto my loving wife Elizabeth Heale and to my son John Heale whom I do make and ordain joint executors of this my last will and testament In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal the day and year first above-written. William Heale, his mark. Signed sealed and published in the presence of Robert Allam, Ambrose Heale, Elizabeth Tinny.

The above will was proved at Wells in October 1687.

WILL OF ELIZABETH HEAL, OF SOUTH BREWHAM, CO.  
SOMERSET, 1697 (*see* p. 19).

(Wells Probate, at Exeter Probate Registry.)

In the name of God Amen I Elizabeth Heale of Horsley Farm within the parish of South Brewham in the county of Somerset widow being at this time sick and weak in body but of sound and perfect memory for which I praise my God do make and ordain this my last will and testament in manner and form following And first I commend my soul into the hands of Almighty God as into the hands of a merciful Creator trusting assuredly that through the meritorious death and passion of my Saviour Jesus Christ all my sins are done away and I am freely justified in the sight of my God And my body I commit to the earth from whence it was taken believing stedfastly that at the general resurrection both soul and body shall be reunited and received into glory And as concerning that worldly estate wherewithal it hath pleased my good God to bless me I give devise and bequeath as follows Imprimis I give and bequeath to my son Joseph Heale the sum of

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ten pounds to be paid unto him within six months next after my decease Item I give to my sons Peter Heale and Thomas Heale the sum of five shillings apiece Item I give and bequeath to each and every of my grandchildren who shall be living at the time of my decease the sum of ten shillings Item all the rest of my goods and chattels after my debts paid and funeral expenses discharged I give and bequeath unto my loving son William Heale whom I make and ordain sole executor of this my last will and testament and I do hereby revoke all former wills and testaments In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this eighteenth day of April in the year of our Lord God one thousand six hundred ninety and seven Elizabeth Heale her mark. Signed sealed and published in presence of Robert Allam, Henry Albin, Mary Tinny.

The above will was proved at Wells in June 1697.

THE WILL OF JOHN FLOWER, OF ST. TANGUS, CO.  
SOMERSET, 1713 (*mentioned on p. 25*).

(Wells Probate, at Exeter Probate Registry.)

The Will of John Flowre, senior, of St. Tanguis in the county of Somerset, dairyman. Dated 16 January 1712 (=1712-13). Imprimus to son John Flower one shilling. To daughter Mary Flower or her husband one shilling. To sons-in-law Ambros Heal, Richard Shepard, Thomas Coward and Michael Holder one shilling apiece. The residue to wife Mary Flower.

Witnesses : Blansh Ford. James Flower.

Proved 1713.

(NOTE: Michael Holder married Margaret Flower, 1712, at Frome.)

THE WILL OF AMBROSE HEAL, OF KINGSTON DEVERILL,  
CO. WILTS, 1718 (*see p. 26*).

(Arch. Court of Sarum.)

The Will of Ambrose Hale, of Kingston Deverill, yeoman. Dated 30 August 1717. Imp: I give and



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bequeath to my well-beloved son John the sum of £200 to be paid by my executrix. It : I give and bequeath to my well-beloved daughter Mary the sum of £200 to be paid by my executrix as soon as she shall come to the age of 21. My son William £200. Son Joseph £200. Should either die surviving brothers & sisters to share. Residue bequeathed unto my dearly beloved wife Joane, sole executrix. Mem : I give & bequeath unto James Flower Edward Parsons Gracious Fathers the sum of five shillings each appointing them to see this will duly performed. (sgd.) Ambros Hale.

Witnesses : Thomas Gilliards, John White (?), Tho : Eastment.

Proved at Hindon 14 May 1718.

(NOTE : The baptism of Gracious Fathers is registered at Maiden Bradley 16 April 1666.)

WILL OF JOHN HEAL, OF FROME SELWOOD, CO. SOMERSET,  
1781 (*see* p. 28).

(Prerogative Court of Canterbury, 535 Webster.)

The will of John Heal, of Frome Salwood, Somerset, gent., dated 21 March 1781. To my son Joseph the weekly sum of four shillings to be paid him by my executor every week during his natural life. To my daughter Mary the weekly sum of six shillings to be paid her by my executor every week during her natural life. Provided always that these two foregoing legacies are in full of all sums of money due to them respectively at my decease under a bond or settlement made on my wife Elizabeth. The said son and daughter are to execute releases to this effect and if they refuse to do so their legacies are to be void. Whereas I have advanced to my sons Ambrose and William several large sums of money for their carrying on their several businesses now I hereby declare these sums to be in full of all sums of money due to them respectively at my decease under a bond or settlement made on my wife Elizabeth Whereas my son William having by the consent of my wife the monies settled on her I give her £10 only and



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all her wearing apparel. All the rest and residue of my personal estate mortgages and the estates thereby granted conveyed or assigned bonds monies and securities for money goods chattels and effects whatsoever and wheresoever I give the same to my son John his heirs executors administrators and assigns for ever and I appoint him sole executor of my will. Witnesses: Moulton Messiter and Samuel Smith.

On the same day the testator added a codicil to his will as follows :

Whereas by my will it is recited that I have advanced large sums of money to my two sons Ambrose and William which were over and above the sums of £300 due to me on bond from my said son William and £90 due to me on note from my said son Ambrose, now I declare that it was not my intention by my will to discharge the said William and Ambrose from the said £300 and £90 or any part thereof and I direct that the said sums shall be paid by them to my executor. The same witnesses witnessed also his signature to this codicil.

The above will and codicil were proved by the said executor on 26 November 1781.

THE WILL OF AMBROSE HEAL, OF MILTON UPON STOUR,  
GILLINGHAM, CO. DORSET, 1812 (*see* p. 32).

(Probate Registry, Salisbury.)

The Will of Ambrose Heal the elder, of Milton upon Stour, Gillingham. Dated 30 August 1805. I give and bequeath all my goods and chattles and all my stock on the farm to Rachel my dear wife whom I make sole executrix. (sgd.) Ambrose Heal.

Witnesses: Ann Andrews, John Smith, Robert Gutch, Jr.

Proved at Salisbury 28 August 1812.

LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION OF AMBROSE HEAL, OF  
MAIDEN BRADLEY, CO. WILTS, 1696-7 (*see* p. 23).

Ambrose Heal having died intestate in 1696 a bond was entered into on 14 January 1696 (=1696-7) by

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Ambrose Heall, of Mayden Bradley, Wilts., yeoman, Thomas Coward, of the same, blacksmith, and John Baker, butcher, for the due administration of his goods, etc. This was signed by Ambrose Heall, Thomas Coward and John *Parsons* (*sic*), their signatures being witnessed by Geo. Woodford and Robt. Brown.

Attached to the Bond is the following Inventory :—

Inventory of the Goods and Chattles of Ambrose Heall late of Maiden Bradley in the County of Wilts. taken & appraised by John Baker & John Symes this 17th day of May A.D. 1696.

Imprimus his wearing apparrell	8 : 0 : 0
In the Kitchen Chamber two Beds & there- unto belonging and the other things there	4 : 0 : 0
In the Upper Chamber three ordinary beds and other things belonging	3 : 0 : 0
In the Beste Chamber neer about seaven or eight hundred of Cheese	7 : 10 : 0
In the Dairy Roome the things there & some small quantity of Butter & Cheese	2 : 10 : 0
In the Kitchen & two little Butteryys ad- joining	3 : 0 : 0
Twenty Milch Cows and seaven heifers	80 : 0 : 0
Six two year aged heifers & Bull and six yearlings	18 : 0 : 0
Seaven weaning calves	2 : 0 : 0
Two Mares & two twoyeard Colts	7 : 0 : 0
Twenty ewes and lambs thirty Hodgs (?) Weather Sheep	20 : 10 : 0
Two Piggs	1 : 10 : 0
Other Lumber & things about the House	0 : 15 : 0
Debts due without bond	8 : 0 : 0
	165 : 15 : 0

(Arch. Court of Sarum.)

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### II. LAW SUITS.

CHANCERY PROCEEDINGS, 1566 (*see* p. 2).  
(Chan. Pro., Series II, 183/26.)

Easter Term, 1566. Jeffrey Uppetton, gent., brought an action against William Heale and Henry Fysher.

In 1554 John Louthe, late Vicar of Chewe, otherwise Chewe Magna, Somerset, let the vicarage of Chew and the chapel of Dundrey thereto annexed to the plaintiff for 30 years. In the value of the said lease there was rated a payment of four-score bushels and upwards of corn and grain issuing yearly out of certain copyhold lands in the said parish. The defendants are tenants of part of the lands and tenements out of which the said payment should be made, and they refuse to pay their share of it, and have also enticed other tenants, being ignorant men, to refuse as well.

CHANCERY PROCEEDINGS, 1669–70 (*see* p. 15).  
(Public Record Office, London, Chan. Pro., Bridges, 497/40.)

On 16th February 1669–70 William Heale, of Brewham, Somerset, yeoman, and Ambrose Heale, of Upton Noble, Somerset, yeoman, brother of the said William (executors of John Heale, late of Brewham, deceased), filed a Bill of Complaint in Chancery against Sarah Heale, widow, Peter Mays and Margaret his wife, Thomas Roe alias Barnaby and John Saunders. From this we learn that : The said John Heale was possessed of a considerable testamentary personal estate and made his will on or about 1st March 1668–9, whereby he left to the defendant Sarah Heale, his wife, money and goods amounting in all to about £300 and other legacies to other people amounting to about £300 more. The residue he intended to leave to the plaintiffs, his sons by a former marriage, whom he made his executors. He died soon afterwards, leaving no child by the said Sarah, his widow. The plain-



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tiffs allege that the said Sarah, resenting the fact that any of her husband's estate was left away from her, partly from covetousness and partly from prejudice to them the plaintiffs, took advantage of the said John Heale's illness which kept him to his bed for about twenty weeks before he died, and also of the fact that they the said plaintiffs were living far away from their said father, and embezzled the residue of the estate so as to leave the plaintiffs nothing at all. Not only did she convert the estate to her own use during her said husband's illness so as to defraud the plaintiffs of the residue, but she left hardly enough to pay a debt of £55 payable for an arrear of rent due from the said John Heale besides several other small debts due by him. They say that she disposed of goods in the house and sent about £20 of the testator's money to the defendants Peter Mayes, of Bruton, husbandman, and Margaret his wife (who is the said Sarah's sister), to keep for her. Some time after the testator's death the defendant John Saunders told the plaintiff William that he had a box of papers belonging to the testator and was ready to give them up, but he would not tell them where he had got it. The plaintiffs refused it, for they say that it had been broken open and all the important and principal papers had been taken out, and the remainder, consisting of bonds which could not be collected, were left. The other defendant, Thomas Roe, alias Barnaby, of West Pennard, husbandman, is the brother of the said Sarah and Margaret, and the plaintiffs allege that they have all combined to defraud them the said plaintiffs and hide various goods and money among themselves. They pray the protection and assistance of the Court in recovering their rights.

CHANCERY PROCEEDINGS, 1737 (*see* p. 27).

(Public Record Office, London, Chan. Pro., 1714-58,  
381/47.)

On 6 June 1737 Joseph Heall, of Kingston Deverill, Wiltshire, yeoman, and Rachel his wife (an infant aged 18 years or thereabouts) appearing by the said Joseph

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Heall, her husband and next friend, filed a Bill of Complaint in Chancery against George Townsend. From this we learn that :

In his lifetime George Townsend, senior, of Hill Deverill, butcher, deceased, was possessed of an estate to the value of about £1500. He made his will, dated 2 October 1720, and thereby left £150 each, with benefit of survivorship, to his grandsons Edward and William Wrench, sons of Edward Wrench, of Longbridge Deverill, shopkeeper, to be paid to them within twelve months of his death and then to be put out at interest for them by his trustees thereafter named until they attained their age of 21. If they both happened to die before that age their legacies were to be paid to their mother Anne Wrench, the testator's daughter. He also left to Elizabeth Townsend and the plaintiff Rachel (then Rachel Townsend), daughters of his son George Townsend, of Kingston Deverill, butcher (the now defendant), the like sums of £150 each, with benefit of survivorship, to be paid within twelve months after testator's death and then to be put at interest till their age of 21 or marriage. After leaving several other bequests, the testator nominated Benjamin Batt, of Kingston Deverill, gent., and John Langley, of Longbridge Deverill, gent. (both since deceased), as trustees and overseers of his will, and left them twenty shillings each. He left the residue of his estate to the defendant whom he appointed his executor and he died on the 11th of the same October. Soon after his death the defendant proved the will in the Prerogative Court of the Archbishop of Canterbury, and since doing so he has paid all the said testator's debts and funeral charges and some of his legacies, more particularly those left to the said Edward and William Wrench. The plaintiffs intermarried in September 1736 when the said Rachel was about 17 years of age and they thus became entitled to her legacy with interest on the same from one year after the death of the said testator. Although they have often applied to the defendant he has not paid the legacy for he pre-



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tends that the testator died indebted to various persons and that the payment of these debts and his funeral charges exhausted all he left. But the plaintiffs say that even if this were so, which they do not admit, he should not in that case have paid any of the legacies in full but have reduced them all proportionately. They say that a suit was brought against the defendant by the said Edward Wrench when the defendant admitted in his Answer that the testator left sufficient assets to satisfy all his debts and legacies. They say that the defendant also says that he will keep the said Rachel's legacy to re-imburse himself for money he has spent on her maintenance and education.

CHANCERY PROCEEDINGS, 1738-9 (*see* p. 27).

(Public Record Office, London, Chan. Pro., 1714-58, 2552/21.)

On 27th January 1738-9 Joseph Heall, of Nunny, Somerset, yeoman, and Rachel his wife (an infant aged 20 years or thereabouts), appearing by her said husband, filed a Bill of Complaint in Chancery against Timothy Lacey and John Berjew. From this we learn that :

John Berjew, late of Fordingbridge, Hants., clerk, deceased, was seized in fee simple of divers lands and tenements in Marston Biggott and From Selwood, also Orchardley, Somerset, worth about £40 per annum. He made a will dated 23 July 1726 and bequeathed to George Townsend and Rachel his wife and to their daughter the plaintiff Rachel £30 each payable two years after his death. He left several other pecuniary legacies and also bequeathed to the defendant John Berjew, rector of Over Compton, Dorset, his kinsman, all his aforesaid real estate and he charged the same with the payment of his debts and legacies. He left the said defendant John Berjew all his personal estate and appointed him sole executor of his will. He died in August 1726 and the said executor proved the will in the Prerogative Court of the Archbishop of Canterbury and received the rents and profits of the real estate until he sold it to the other



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defendant Timothy Lacey, of Froom Selwood, mercer. The said Timothy Lacey paid part of the purchase money and retained the balance, taking the responsibility of paying all the legacies charged on the real estate. The plaintiffs intermarried on 18 September 1736 and they have applied several times to the defendants for the said Rachel's legacy. The said Lacey promised in October last to pay it in two months with interest from the time it was due. But now the defendants refuse to pay, giving out that the testator died much indebted and leaving not enough to satisfy his debts and legacies in spite of the fact that the legacy left to the plaintiff Rachel is the only one left unpaid. At other times the said Lacey pretends that he paid her legacy to the said George Townsend, her father, several years ago, but the plaintiffs plead that he is nevertheless responsible for it even if this were so which they do not admit.

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III. EXTRACTS FROM PARISH REGISTERS.

EXTRACTS FROM THE PARISH REGISTERS OF CHEW MAGNA,  
CO. SOMERSET.

The record of Baptisms and Burials at Chew do not commence until 1562, though the Marriage entries date back to 1560. On the first page of the Register is written :—

John at Heale of Bishops Sutton 1676 (*see* p. 60).  
Churchwarden. John Heale, sometime of Bristoll  
and sometime of Chew churchwardens & over-  
seers of the poor. 1691. John at Heale again ch:  
warden.

Soe many Burialls reader in one book  
Warne thee that one day thou for death must  
look

per me Johannem at Heale.

(Repeated twice with this addition :—)

In latine thus—

Te moveant lector tot in uno funera libro  
Tempore quod certo tuo quoque funus eris

Written by John at Heale of Bishops Sutton  
in this parish. Nov. 20. 1701.

*Baptisms* :—

Oct. 30. 1564. Isabel dau. of John at Heel.

Feb. 11. 1573. William, sonne of John Heale.

Marginal note in the Register :—

John at Heale's Grandfather, of Bishops Sutton  
who was living there Dec. 3. An. Dom. 1701  
(when his Father and Mother were married)  
in this book. An. Dom. 1569.

Dec. 20. 1573. Joane Heale.

Oct. 27. 1574. John, son of John Heale.

June 8. 1575. William, son of Henrie Heale.

Oct. 6. 1575. Grace, dau. of John Heale.

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Apr. 6. 1579. Margaret, dau. of Roger Heale.  
 Nov. 8. 1579. Elizabeth, dau. of John Heale.  
 Jan. 7. 1580. Thomas, son of Henry Heale.  
 Aug. 7. 1581. Isabel, dau. of Roger Heale.  
 July 26. 1581. Marie, dau. of Henri. Heale.  
 Apr. 8. 1585. Elizabeth, dau. of Henri. Heale.  
 Mch. 16. 1588. Susan, dau. of Henri. Heale.  
 Oct. 19, 1589. Joane, dau. of Roger Heale.  
 May 8, 1592. Joane, dau. of Roger Heale.

Against the following entry is written :—

This John next following was father of John at Heale, living at Bishops Sutton on Octr. 29th. 1701.

Feb. 24. 1610. John, son of William at Heale.  
 Aug. 29. 1613. William, son of William Heale.  
 Dec. 20. 1618. Thomas, son of William Heale.  
 Oct. 17. 1619. Elizabeth, dau. of William Heale.  
 July 16. 1620. Elizabeth, dau. of William Heale.  
 May 26. 1622. Marie, dau. of William Heale.  
 July 23. 1623. Timothie, son of William Heale.  
 Feb. 27. 1624. Matthew, son of William Heale.  
 Jan. 9. 1624. William, son of William Heale.  
 May 2. 1632. Agnes, dau. of William Heale.  
 Jan. 9. 1635. Susanna, dau. of Wm. Heale & Margery his wife.  
 July 22. 1647. Ann, dau. of Henry Heale.  
 Aug. 10. 1648. John, son of John at Heale & Joan his wife, born July 18. at Ellbrough in Hutton parish in Somerset (of Bishops Sutton).  
 Oct. 26. 1649. William, son of Henry Heale.  
 Mch. 28. 1652. Henry, son of Henry Heale.  
 June 30. 1655. Sarah, dau. of Henry Heale.  
 Nov. 5. 1655. Elizabeth, dau. of Timothie Heale.  
 Feb. 16. 1658. Alexander, son of Henry Heale.  
 Sep. 29. 1659. Henry, son of Henry Heale.  
 Sep. 18. 1673. John, son of John Heale.  
 Apr. 1. 1674. Mary, dau. of John At Heale and Mary his wife, of Bishops Sutton.



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Dec. 12. 1677. John, son of John Heale.  
 Feb. 12. 1678-9. Joan, dau. of John Heale.  
 Feb. 6. 1679-80. Warwick, son of John Heale.  
 Nov. 16. 1681. William, son of John Heale.  
 Mch. 21. 1682-3. William, son of John Heale, second  
 of that name.

### *Marriages :—*

Nov. 10. 1569. John At Heale and Joane the widow  
 of Hasell (both of Bishops Sutton,  
 she was the daughter of — King who  
 dwelt where Mr. King now doth).  
 May 17. 1571. Henrie Heale and Agnes King.  
 May 17. 1576. Richard Feere and Isabel Heale.  
 Sep. 14. 1579. Robert Teg and Joane Heale.  
 Aug. 28. 1582. Christopher Heale & Isabel King.  
 Apl. 26. 1591. Walter Prattant and Mary Heale.  
 Nov. 4. 1596. William Cotton and Elizabeth Heale.  
 Dec. 20. 1599. John Heale and Mary Norse.  
 Oct. 8. 1600. John Blackeberowe & Marie Heale.  
 Mch. 29. 1606. William Heale of Byshops Sutton &  
 Elizabeth dau. of Edmund Keen of  
 Wrington. They were the grand-  
 father & grandmother of John at  
 Heale living at Bps. Sutton Nov. 22.  
 1701.  
 Jan. 21. 1616. John Heale of Stowey and Bridget  
 Collins alias Weekes.  
 Jan. 13. 1611. John Hixe and Elizabeth Heale of  
 Sutton Wick.  
 Feb. 8. 1618. Edward Parsons and Susanna Heale.  
 July 30. 1626. William Parsons and Joane Heale.  
 June 16. 1647. John at Heale of Bps. Sutton &  
 Joane Haine of parish of Hutton,  
 Somerset.  
 Oct. 24. 1672. John at Heale of Bps. Sutton and  
 Mary Sherborne of Widecomb in  
 Chewton parish marrd. at Wells.  
 Apl. 15. 1688. Henry Poll and Sarah Heale.

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### *Burials :—*

Feb. 26. 1568-9.	William at Heale.
Jan 3. 1600-1.	John at Heale (his son).
Dec. 15. 1571.	Alice wife of Roger Heale.
Apl. 27. 1575.	Joane, dau. of Henrie Heale.
July 6. 1575.	Edward, son of Edward Heale.
Jan. 10. 1577.	Grace, dau. of John Heale.
Oct. 13. 1578.	John, son of John Heale.
Apl. 7. 1580.	John, son of John Heale.
Sep. 30. 1580.	Otes Otto Ctpher (?) son of John Heale.
July 12. 1585.	Joane Heale vidua.
Nov. 12. 1585.	Roger, son of Otes Heale.
Aug. 20. 1587.	Elizabeth, dau. of Henry Heale.
Sep. 11. 1589.	Thomas, son of John Heale.
June 20. 1599.	Joane wife of John Heale.
Jan. 3. 1600.	John Heale of Suttons Weekes.

Against the above entry is written :—

Here *at* before Heale was left out through carelessness or haste, se (*sic*) Willm. at Heale, burd. 25 Feb. 1569.

Feb. 9. 1622.	William Heale.
June 7. 1628.	Wm., son of Wm. Heale.
June 6. 1634.	Bridget wife of John Heale of Stowey.
Mch. 10. 1635.	Elizabeth dau. of John Heale of Stowey.
Feb. 12. 1673-4.	John son of John at Heale.
Oct. 13. 1674.	Marie the wife of Cornelles Heall of Stoke. (? Chew Stoke.)
Sep. 19. 1678.	Cornelles Heall of Stoke.
Nov. 17. 1698.	Mary Heall widow.
Nov. 24. 1710.	Mr. John at Heale of Sutton.

(NOTE : John at Heale was Churchwarden in 1674.)

### EXTRACTS FROM THE PARISH REGISTERS OF WEST PENNARD, CO. SOMERSET.

1568. Novr. 14.	William Heale married Agnes Dalley.
1572. Feb. 11.	Edith Heale baptized.

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- 1581. Aug. 16. Robert Heale, an infant, buried.
- 1584. Aug. 2. John Heale married Mary Dallye.
- 1584-5. Jan. 14. Richard, son of John Heale, baptized.
- 1588. July 6. Katherine, dau. of John Heale, baptized.
- 1590-1. Jan. 24. Walter Heale buried.
- 1601. Oct. 1. Ann Heale buried.  
(NOTE: "Ann" and "Agnes" interchangeable at this date.)
- 1603. Oct. 20. Thomas Heale married Alice Midford.
- 1604. Dec. 17. Katherin, dau. of John Heale, buried.
- 1609. Jan. 21. Richard, son of John Heale, buried.
- 1609. May 18. Richard Heale married Joane Grice.
- 1610. July 29. Richard, son of Richard Heale, baptized.
- 1611. July 4. John Field married Johan Heale.
- 1613. Oct. 20. John Heale married Alice White.
- 1613-4. Feb. 25. Margaret, dau. of John Heale, baptized.
- 1616-7. Mar. 20. Ann, dau. of John Heale, baptized.
- 1619. Apr. 17. John, son of John Heale, baptized.
- 1621. Jan. 5. Jeane, dau. of John Heale, baptized.
- 1622. Apr. 19. John Heale, of Woodland, buried.
- 1622. Apr. 26. Mary Heale, widow, buried.
- 1622-3. Mar. 1. Jeane, dau. of John Heale, buried.
- 1624-5. Jan. 26. "Thomas" (=Thomasin), dau. of Thomas Heale and Jeane his wife, baptized.
- 1626-7. Jan. 6. Thomas Heale buried.
- 1629. Sep. 1. William Grigory, of this parish, and Jana Heale married.



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### EXTRACTS FROM THE BISHOP'S TRANSCRIPTS OF THE PARISH REGISTERS OF MILTON CLEVEDON, CO. SOMERSET.

(The original registers are missing for the period  
1630-1672.)

1636. May 4. William Davis married Margery Heale.  
1636-7. Jan. 16. Thomas Davys married Mary Heale.  
1640. John Heale, warden.  
1663. Jan. 3. Thomas Heale and Elizabeth Heale, son and daughter of William, baptized.  
1668. William Heale, warden.

### EXTRACTS FROM THE PARISH REGISTERS OF SOUTH BREWHAM.

#### *Baptisms :*

- Grace, dau. of Thomas & Grace Heale, Sep. 9, 1697.  
Thomas, son of Thomas & Grace Heale, March 25, 1700.  
William, son of Thomas & Grace Heale, May 30, 1705.

#### *Burials :*

- Grace Heal buried Feb. 22, 1660.  
John Heale buried Jan. 26, 1667.  
John Heale buried April 9, 1669.  
Alice wife of Ambrose Heal April 14, 1673.  
John Heale April 3, 1676.  
William Heale June 7, 1687.  
Susan Heal March 12, 1688.  
John Heale August 30, 1694.  
Elizabeth Hele, widdow, April 26, 1697.  
Grace Heale, widdow, August 15, 1697.  
Grace, dau. of Thomas Heale, May 29, 1699.  
Thomas Heal April 7, 1700.  
Elizabeth Heall May 6, 1705.  
Thomas Heal Feb. 6, 1707.  
William Heale Nov. 29, 1713.  
Mrs. Grace Heal July 24, 1718.  
Thomas Heal Oct. 4, 1721.

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1666. Apr. 16. Gracious, the son of William Fathers & his wife Ruth, was born. (See will of Ambrose Heal, proved 1718, p. 86.)
1694. Dec. 22. Ann Heale buried. (This entry found in the Transcripts.)
1703. Sep. 20. John Percy & Edith Heall, of Bristol, were married.
1704. May 4. John, son of Ambrose Heal, baptized.
- 1705-6. Jan. 6. A daughter of Ambrose Heal baptized.
1707. Nov. 18. William, son of Ambrose Heyle, baptized.
1709. Dec. 9. Elizabeth, dau. of Ambrose Heale, baptized.
1712. Aug. 3. Joseph, son of Ambrose Heale, baptized.
1717. Sep. 16. Ambrose Heale buried. (This entry found in the Transcripts.)
1781. Aug. 31. John Heale, of Frome, buried.
1781. Oct. 11. William Heale, of Hinton (Charterhouse) buried.
1792. July 5. Joseph Heal buried.

### EXTRACTS FROM THE PARISH REGISTERS OF MERE, CO. WILTS.

1703. Sep. 11. Ambrose Heal, of the parish of Bradley, Wilts., married Joan Flower, of the Parish of Frome, Somerset.
1736. Sep. 21. Joseph Heal & Rachel Townsend, both of Kingston Deveril, married. (In Chancery Proceedings of 1737-8 they gave the date of their marriage as 18 Sep. 1736, see p. 94.)

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1770. Feb. 27. William "Hale," of the parish of Stourton, bachelor, & Ann Merryweather (Anne Merewether), spinster, were married by licence.
1770. Apr. 3. Edward, son of William Heal, baptized.
1795. Dec. 17. William Harris, of the parish of Sturminster Newton, Dorset, bachelor, & Sophia Heal, spinster, were married by licence.
1798. Aug. 30. William Bowle, of the parish of Market Lavington, bachelor, & Ann Heal, spinster, were married by licence.

## EXTRACTS FROM THE PARISH REGISTERS OF KINGSTON DEVERILL, CO. WILTS.

1725. Nov. 1. Ann, dau. of Thomas & Elizabeth Heal, baptized.
1734. Apr. 29. John, son of John & Elizabeth Heal, baptized.
1736. Nov. 2. John, son of John Heale, aged 2 years, buried.
- 1736-7. Jan. 24. Ambrose, son of John & Elizabeth Heal, baptized.
1739. June 24. Elizabeth, dau. of John & Elizabeth Heal, baptized.
1741. Apr. 22. Mary, dau. of John & Elizabeth Heal, baptized.
1743. May 18. John, son of John & Elizabeth Heal, baptized.
- 1744-5. Feb. 26. Stephen, son of Stephen Long & Ann his wife, baptized.  
(See 1768 below.)
1746. Aug. 13. William, son of John & Elizabeth Heal, baptized.
1748. Nov. 18. Ambrose, son of John & Elizabeth Heal, baptized.
1751. July 19. Joseph, son of John & Elizabeth Heal, baptized.



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1768.	Oct.	4.	Stephen Long, of Monckton Deverill, and Elizabeth Hele, of this parish, married by banns.
1769.	Jan.	8.	Elizabeth, dau. of Stephen & Elizabeth Long, baptized.
1772.	Aug.	7.	Rachel, wife of Joseph Heal, buried.
1772.	Sep.	27.	William Abraham & Sarah Heall married.
1777.	Oct.	5.	William, son of Stephen & Elizabeth Long, baptized.
1783.	May	4.	Stephen, son of Stephen & Elizabeth Long, baptized.
1792.	Sep.	1.	Elizabeth, wife of Stephen Long, aged 54, buried.
1795.	Feb.	1.	Stephen Long, aged 82, buried. (Evidently the father of Elizabeth Heal's husband.)
1800.	Feb.	—	Sarah, wife of William Abraham, aged 63, buried.

## EXTRACTS FROM THE PARISH REGISTERS OF HINTON CHARTERHOUSE, CO. SOMERSET.

1772.	Jan.	13.	Mary, dau. of William & Anne Heal, baptized.
1775.	Feb.	12.	Anne, dau. of William & Anne Heal, baptized.
1776.	Sep.	7.	William, son of William & Anne Heal, baptized.
1778.	June	7.	John Merewether, son of William & Anne Heal, baptized.
1781.	Mar.	24.	Susan Merewether, dau. of William & Anne Heal, baptized.
1781.	Apr.	8.	Susan Merewether, dau. of William and Anne Heal, buried.
1782.	June	11.	Susan Merewether, dau. of William and Anne Heal, baptized.
1796.	Aug.	4.	John Gauntlett, of Market Lavington, & Mary Heal married.

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EXTRACTS FROM THE PARISH REGISTERS OF GILLINGHAM,  
CO. DORSET.

1771, Dec. 26.—Ambrose Heal, of the Town of Mere, & Rachel Harris, of Gillingham, married. (John Harris was a witness.)

\*1772, Aug. 16.—John Harris, son of Ambrose Hele, baptized.

1773, Mar. 7.—Rebecca, daughter of John Hele (? Hale), baptized.

1774, Jan. 16.—Betsy, daughter of Ambrose Hele, baptized.

1791, Jan. 25.—John Harris buried.

1793, Aug. 19.—Amb<sup>s</sup> Heal witnessed the marriage of Stephen Bourdon & Mary Handsford.

1800, Dec. 8.—Thomas Gauntlett, of Sherrington, Wilts., & Betsy Heal, of Gillingham, married. (Witnesses: Emma Maggs and Ambrose Heal.)

1812, Feb. 14.—Ambrose Heal, aged 63, buried.

1812, Sep. 14.—Rachel Harris, aged 79, buried.

1832, Jan. 11.—Thomas Harding, of Stourton, Wilts., & Maria Standerwick Heal, of Gillingham, married. (Witnesses: Nathaniel Standerwick, William Harding, Ann Standerwick Heal and Rachel Heal.)

EXTRACTS FROM THE PARISH REGISTERS OF ST. ANNE'S,  
SOHO, LONDON.

*Baptisms.*

1805, Dec. 15.—Martha Heal, daughter of Ambrose and Martha, born 28 November 1805.

1807, May 10.—Jane Heal, daughter of Ambrose and Martha, born 13 February 1807.

1810, Nov. 25.—Ann Standerwick Heal, daughter of Ambrose and Martha, born 26 April 1810.

1811, May 19.—John Harris Heal, son of John Harris and Fanny, born 7 February 1811.

1813, May 9.—Maria Standerwick Heal, daughter of Ambrose and Martha, born 14 July 1812. Father described as of 29, Old Compton St., Soho, bed and mattress maker.

1813, June 20.—Ann Rachel Heal, daughter of John

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\* See note as to authenticity of this date on p. 36.

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Harris and Fanny. Father described as of St. Marylebone, carpet warehouseman.

1815, Apr. 19.—Ambrose, son of Ambrose and Martha Heal, born 15 January 1815. Father described as of Compton Street, warehouseman.

1815, June 18.—Frances Heal, daughter of John Harris and Frances, born 21 March. Father described as of St. Marylebone, carpet manufacturer.

### *Marriage.*

1805, June 13.—Ambrose Heal and Martha Standerwick\*, both of this parish, were married in this church by banns the 13th day of June 1805 by me: Richd. Samuel, Minister. Witnesses: Roger Rood and R. Standerwick.

## EXTRACTS FROM THE PARISH REGISTERS OF ST. HELEN'S, BISHOPSGATE, LONDON.

### *Baptism.*

1809, Apr. 11.—Rachel Harris, daughter of Ambrose Heal and Martha his wife; born 1 Feb.

### *Burials.*

1813, Nov. 2.—Jane Heale, Pancras, 6 years, buried in churchyard.

1818, May 12.—Mary Heale, St. Pancras, Middlesex, 9 months.

1819, Oct. 28.—Mary Heal, St. Pancras, Middlesex, 12 days, buried in churchyard.

1819, Oct. 28.—Jane Heal, St. Pancras, Middlesex, 15 days, buried in churchyard.

1824, Mar. 30. Elizabeth Heal, St. Pancras, Middlesex, 4 days, buried in churchyard.

## EXTRACTS FROM THE PARISH REGISTERS OF ST. GILES-IN- THE-FIELDS.

Ann, daughter of John Harris Heal, of 6, Chenies Street, featherbed manufacturer, by Ann Standerwick, his wife, born 15 August 1835, baptized 6 October 1835.

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\* See Appendix F. p. 134.



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Fanny Martha, daughter of John Harris Heal, of 203, Tottenham Court Road, bedding manufacturer, by Ann Standerwick, his wife, born 7 June 1837, baptized 31 July 1837.

Jessie, daughter of John Harris Heal, of 203, Tottenham Court Road, bedding manufacturer, by Ann Standerwick, his wife, born 30 October 1838, baptized 7 December 1838.

Alice, daughter of John Harris Heal, of 196, Tottenham Court Road, featherbed maker, by Ann Standerwick, his wife, born 9 December 1840, baptized 10 February 1841.

Harris, son of John Harris Heal, of 196, Tottenham Court Road, bed manufacturer, by Ann Standerwick, his wife, born 25 January 1843, baptized 12 May, 1843.

John, son of John Harris Heal, of 196, Tottenham Court Road, bedding manufacturer, by Ann Standerwick, his wife, born 21 August 1844, baptized 29 November 1844.

Frank, son of John Harris Heal, of 196, Tottenham Court Road, bedding manufacturer, by Ann Standerwick, his wife, born 24 March 1846, baptized 11 August 1846.

Ambrose, son of John Harris Heal, of 196, Tottenham Court Road, bedding manufacturer, by Ann Standerwick, his wife, born 7 October 1847, baptized 14 January 1848.

Armitage, son of John Harris Heal, of Tottenham Court Road, bedding manufacturer, by Ann Standerwick, his wife, born 17 October 1848, baptized 14 December 1848.

Edith, daughter of John Harris Heal, of 196, Tottenham Court Road, bedding manufacturer, by Ann Standerwick, his wife, born 19 November "1890" (*sic* in original, obviously a mistake for "1849"), baptized 25 April 1850.

Hugh Speed, son of John Harris Heal, of 62, Euston Square, bedding manufacturer, by Ann Standerwick, his wife, born 7 March 1851, baptized 28 October 1851.

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IV. MONUMENTAL INSCRIPTIONS.

INSCRIPTION ON GRAVE AT MAIDEN BRADLEY,  
CO. WILTS (*see* pp. 26 and 29).

Here lyeth ye Body  
of Ambrose Healle who dyed  
Sept. ye 9. 1717 Aged 56 years  
Also here lies the Body  
of John Heal son of Ambrose  
and Joan Heal  
who departed this life  
August 28. 1781. Aged — yrs.

INSCRIPTION ON TABLET ON OUTSIDE WALL OF PORCH AT  
MAIDEN BRADLEY, CO. WILTS (*see* p. 30).

In Memory  
of  
William Heale  
who departed this life  
Oct. ye 7th 1781 Aged 37  
With Patience to the last did summit  
And murmured not at what ye lord thought fit  
Then with a Christian courage did resine  
His soul to God at this appointed time.

INSCRIPTION ON GRAVE AT MONKTON COMBE, CO.  
SOMERSET (*see* p. 33).

Sacred to the Memory of  
Ambrose Heal  
Born at Gillingham, Dorset,  
April 28th 1779  
For many years of Compton  
Street, Soho, and Kentish  
Town, London,  
Died at Combe Down  
May 17, 1837.  
Aged 58 years.

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Also of Martha  
Wife of the above  
Died November 20th 1849  
Aged 67 years.

INSCRIPTION ON GRAVE AT ST. GILES'S CEMETERY.  
ST. PANCRAS (*see* p. 111).

Beneath this stone  
lie the remains of  
John Harris Heal  
born September 11th 1772\*  
died October 30th 1833  
Late of Tottenham Court Road  
And in the adjoining grave  
those of his two daughters  
Anne Rachel aged six years  
Frances aged four years  
And also of his Mother  
Rachel Heal  
born November 9th 1751  
died February 5th 1827  
Late of Gillingham Dorset  
And also in the same grave  
the remains of  
her grand-daughter  
Jessie Heal†  
who died July 3rd 1831  
aged 8 months  
Also Rachel Harris Heal  
grand-daughter of the  
above Rachel Heal  
born February 2nd 1809.

The above is taken from a MS. list of the Memorials  
in that Cemetery made in 1880 by F. Teague Cansick.  
The manuscript is in the Library at Nower Hill, Pinner.

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\* See note as to error in this date on p. 36.

† The MS. is incorrect, compare transcript from Family Bible, p. 112. The inscription should read, "*his* grand-daughter," and the date of Jessie Heal's death should be 1839 (not 1831).



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Another version of this inscription, differing in many particulars, appears in the Heal Family Bible. This will be found on pp. 111 and 112.

### INSCRIPTIONS ON GRAVE AT ST. PANCRAS CEMETERY, FINCHLEY.

(One side) :

The Grave of the  
Dearest & Best of Mothers  
Fanny Heal  
widow of  
John Harris Heal  
of Tottenham Court Road  
Born November 6th 1782  
Died February 26th 1859  
Her End was Peace  
and of John Harris Heal  
of Tottenham Court Road  
and Grass Farm Finchley  
son of the above  
Died at Cannes, France  
February 19th 1876 Aged 65 Years.

(Another side) :

To the Memory of  
Edith  
Youngest Daughter of  
John Harris  
and  
Anne Standerwick Heal  
born 3rd November 1843\*  
died 7th November 1874.

The above is copied from a photograph made in 1881.  
Anne-Standerwick Heal (widow of John-Harris Heal)  
is possibly mentioned on another side of the stone. The  
photograph shows only two sides of it.

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\* Edith Heal's date of birth is incorrectly stated on this tombstone as "3rd November 1843." She was born on 19th November 1849 (*see* pp. 106 and 115).

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V. FAMILY BIBLE.

COPIES OF ENTRIES IN THE HEAL FAMILY BIBLE

*In the possession of John-Harris Heal, of Budleigh  
Salterton.*

Elizabeth Heal was baptized June 24 1739.

Mary Heal was baptized April 22 1741.

John Heal was baptized May 18 1743.

William Heal was baptized August 15th (*sic*) 1746.

Ambrose Heal was baptized November 18 1748.

Joseph Heal was baptized July 14 (*sic*) 1751.

Rachel Harris was born Nov. 9 1751.

Baptised at Silton Dorset.

Martha Heal Daughter of Ambrose Heal & Martha  
Heal was born 28 November 1805 baptised at St.  
Ann's Westminster Dec. 16 (*sic*) 1805 where her  
Father & Mother were Married.

These are children of Ambrose & Rachel Heal

John Harris Heal born Sept. 11\* in the morn 1772.

Bettsey Heal Born Nov. 26 in the morn 1773.

Ambrose Heal was born Wednesday morn 3 o'clock  
April 28 1779.

Thos. Gauntlett of Sherrington Wilts. & Betsey Heal  
was (*sic*) married at Gillingham Dorset ye 8 December  
1800.

Rachel Gauntlett daughter of the above was born at  
Sherrington Oct. 14 1801 baptized at the same place  
Nov. 27 1801.

Bettsy Gauntlett daughter of Thos. & Betsy G. was  
born at Westbury Wilts. Dec. 21 1803 Baptized at  
same place Jan. 1st 1804.

Joseph Heall His Hand And Pen In the Year of Our  
Lord God Ano Dom In 1725/4.

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\* See note as to error in this date on p. 36.

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### Copies of Inscriptions on the Tombs in the Church-yard of Maiden Bradley, Wilts.

Here lyeth ye body of Ambrose Healle who dyed  
September ye 9th 1717 Aged 56 years.

Also here lies the Body of John Heal son of  
Ambrose & Joan Heal who departed this life ye  
28th May (*sic*) 1781. Aged — yrs.

[NOTE: John Heal was brought from Frome to be  
buried.] J. H. Heal.

In Memory of William Heale who departed this  
life October 7th 1781 aged 37 years.

[NOTE: William Heal was the son of John Heal.]  
(Signed) J. H. Heal.

### Copies of Inscriptions on the Tablets in the North Porch of the Church of Gillingham, Dorset.

Underneath the path 24 ft. from this stone are  
deposited the remains of John Harris who departed  
this life January 21st 1791 Aged 65 years.

Also of Rachel wife of John Harris who departed  
this life 10th September 1812 Aged 79 years.

Underneath the path 29 ft. from this stone are  
deposited the remains of Ambrose Heal who departed  
this life February 10th 1812 Aged 63 yrs.

Rachel wife of the above & only child of John &  
Rachel Harris died February 5th 1827 Aged 75 yrs.  
& was buried at St. Giles New Ground St. Pancras  
Middlesex.

### Copies of Inscriptions on the Tomb in St. Giles New Ground, St. Pancras.

Beneath this stone lie the remains of John Harris  
Heal late of Tottenham Court Road born Sept. 11th\*  
1772 died October 30th 1833.

And in the adjoining grave those of his two daughters  
Ann Rachel aged 6 yrs. & Francis (*sic*) aged 4 years  
& also of his Mother Rachel Heal born November 9th  
1751 died February 5th 1827 late of Gillingham  
Dorset.

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\* See note as to error in this date on p. 36.



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And also in this grave the remains of his granddaughter Jessie Heal who died July 3rd 1839 Aged 8 months.

Also of Rachel Harris Heal daughter of Ambrose & Martha Heal & granddaughter of the above Rachel Heal born February 2nd 1809 died October 22nd 1852.

Copies of the Inscriptions on the Tomb in the Churchyard of Monkton Combe, Somerset.

Sacred to the Memory of Ambrose Heal born at Gillingham Dorset April 28th 1779 for many years of Old Compton Street Soho & Kentish Town London, died at Combe Down May 17th 1837 Aged 58 years.

Also of Martha Wife of the above who died Nov. 28th 1849 Aged 67 years.

(All the above copies of inscriptions appear to be in the handwriting of J. H. Heal I, who signed the notes against two of them.)

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VI. EXTRACTS FROM VARIOUS SOURCES.

EXTRACT FROM THE "FREE AND VOLUNTARY PRESENT,"  
1662, FOR SOMERSET.

(Public Record Office, London.)

Redlinch :

William Heale contributed three shillings.

EXTRACTS FROM HEARTH TAX RETURNS FOR SOMERSET,  
1664-5.

(Public Record Office, London.)

Worle & Kewstoke :

Elizabeth Arnell, widow, had been paying tax on a house with three hearths but William Heale is now living in it and "he hath stopt up one."

William Heale had paid tax on one hearth but this was not collected in the year 1664-5 as "the house is fallen downe."

West Pennard :

George Grimes and John Heale jointly paid tax on two hearths.

EXTRACT FROM EXEMPTIONS FROM HEARTH TAX, 1670-1.

(Public Record Office, London, 172/434.)

Ambrose Heall, overseer in Winscombe, Somerset.

EXTRACTS FROM THE "HISTORY OF CHEW MAGNA,"  
BY FREDERICK A. WOOD, 1903.

Pp. 112 & 113 : Agnes at Hele, wid., £2 4d. Subsidy,  
North Elme, 1523.

Oticus Heale £1 4s. Subsidy,  
Knighton Sutton, 1596.

Otis Heale £1 1s. 4d. Subsidy,  
Knighton Sutton, 1600-1.

Otis Heale £1 4s. Subsidy,  
Knighton Sutton, 1600-1.

John Heale £1 4s. Subsidy,  
Knighton Sutton, 1628.

John Heale £1 8s. Subsidy,  
Knighton Sutton, 1629.

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- P. 156: The Heales, the oldest name in the tything (Bishops Sutton) were generally settled at Sutton Wick.  
Henry atte Hill 1s. Henry atte Hulle 1s. 4d.  
William atte Heale 8d. William atte Heale 1s.  
Subsidy rolls for 1327 and 1332.
- P. 159: William at Hele £3 1s. 6d. Agnes at Hele, wid., £2 4d. 1523.  
John at Heile £7 4s. 8d. 1545.  
John Heall £5 8s. 4d. 1570.
- P. 161: John Heale £3 8s. 1596.
- P. 162: John Heale £4 4s. 1600.
- P. 164: John Heale £1 4s.; John Heale £3 8s. 1623.  
John Heale £3 1628.
- P. 165: John Heale £1 8s.; John Heale £3 16s. 1629.  
John Heale (subsidy roll imperfect) 1640-1.
- P. 174: 1607-8. Fines, Hil. 6 James I. Thos. Jones, gent., buys of John Heale and Christian his wife 1 mill, 2 acres meadow, 6 acres pasture in Stowey and Chew Magna; price £41.
- P. 210: In 1696 there was a suit between William Heale and two others and Michael Corey (Vicar of Chew) concerning tithes.
- P. 286: The Heales are the same family as the Atte Heales.
- P. 249: John at Heale was living at Chew Magna in the year 1800, so the family has been in Chew from before 1327.

## CENSUS RETURN, 1841.

(R. G. Enum. Bks. 1841, Bundle 673.)

At 196, Tottenham Court Road:

Fanny Heal, aged 58, bedding manufacturer, born in this county.

John Harris Heal, aged 30, bedding manufacturer, born in this county.

Ann Standerwick Heal, aged 30, born in this county.



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Ann Heal, aged 5, born in this county.

Alice Heal, aged 5 months, born in this county.

Anne Green, aged 28, female servant, born in this county.

Mary Anne Gauntlett, aged 25, female servant, not born in this county.

### CENSUS RETURNS, 1851.

(R. G. Enum. Bks. 1851, Bundle 1494.)

At 62, Euston Square, St. Pancras, Marylebone :

John H. Heal, head of the house, married, aged 40, bedding manufacturer employing 85 hands, native of Marylebone.

Anne S. Heal, his wife, aged 40, native of Pancras.

Anne Heal, his daughter, aged 15, scholar, native of St. Giles.

Fanny M. Heal, his daughter, aged 13, scholar at home, native of St. Giles.

Alice Heal, his daughter, aged 10, scholar at home, native of Pancras.

Harris Heal, his son, aged 8, scholar at home, native of Pancras.

John Heal, his son, aged 6, scholar at home, native of Pancras.

Frank Heal, his son, aged 5, native of Pancras.

Ambrose Heal, his son, aged 3, native of Pancras.

Armytage Heal, his son, aged 2, native of Pancras.

Edith Heal, his daughter, aged 1, native of Pancras.

Unnamed child, his son, aged 3 weeks, native of Pancras.

Theresa S. Adams, governess, unmarried, aged 27, native of Rendlesham, Suffolk.

Charlotte Whenman, housemaid, unmarried, aged 24, native of Hayes, Middlesex.

Emma Dickman, nurse, unmarried, aged 32, native of Somerston, Somerset.

Anne Fulcher, cook, unmarried, aged 33, native of Litcham, Norfolk.

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Elizabeth Jefferies, nurse-maid, unmarried, aged 15,  
native of Coombe, Somerset.

Mary Phillips, monthly nurse, married, aged 59,  
native of Totnes, Devon.

At 196, Tottenham Court Road :

Rachel Harris Heal, unmarried, aged 42, house-  
keeper, native of St. Helen's, Middlesex, with others in  
the employment of J. H. Heal, bed and feather ware-  
house.

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### THE GAUNTLETT FAMILY

In 1870 Mr. Edwin Gauntlett, of 11, Yalding Road, London, S.E., compiled an account of the Gauntlett Family, on which we have based a Pedigree\* showing the connections between the Heal, the Gauntlett, and the Bowle families.

This Pedigree exhibits a most remarkable series of intermarriages, and is well worth careful study.

It will be seen that two Gauntlett brothers about the beginning of the nineteenth century married two first cousins of the surname Heal.

The wife of the elder Gauntlett brother had two sisters, Mrs. Harris, *née* Heal, and Mrs. Bowle, *née* Heal, and no fewer than four of her children married first cousins named either Harris or Bowle.

Accordingly, in all there are six intermarriages between the Gauntletts and the Heal, Harris and Bowle descendants from the Heal at the head of that Pedigree.

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\* For Gauntlett Pedigree, *see* pocket at end.



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### THE STANDERWICK FAMILY

*While this book was in the printers' hands, chance brought to light certain information connected with the Standerwick family that seemed to warrant deferring publication pending further researches.*

*Subsequent investigations have justified the delay and have enabled us to establish the connection between the Standerwick family and that of Daniel Defoe.*

*Another outcome of these researches, which has an even greater interest for me, is that of the evidence of the existence of the Standerwicks' linen manufactory at Bourton and their bed tick warehouse in London. This discovery provides a reason, which was wanting (see p. xv. of Preface), for the two farmer's sons, John-Harris and Ambrose, migrating from Somerset to London and both entering the feather-dressing trade. It will be remembered that the younger brother, Ambrose, married Martha Standerwick in 1805. Our descent from the Standerwicks is through the marriage in 1834 of their daughter, Ann-Standerwick, with her cousin, John-Harris Heal, junior.*

*The Standerwick genealogy is by no means complete, and further researches in the parishes of Bourton, Silton and Pen-Selwood, and inquiries from the living descendants of the Standerwick family, would probably be fruitful of interesting results. But of making pedigrees there appears to be no end, and various circumstances have decided me to round off my work at this stage. It will be seen that I am leaving a very interesting part of our ancestry to occupy the attention of some future investigator.*

*AMBROSE HEAL.*

*February 1932.*

*The marriage in 1834 of John-Harris Heal with Ann-Standerwick Heal, his cousin (see p. 38), is of especial interest, as through it we are descended from that branch of the Standerwick family which intermarried with the family of Daniel Defoe, the author of "Robinson Crusoe."*

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The surname Standerwick is said to derive from Standerwick, a parish near Frome, Somerset. The Standerwicks were for over four hundred years settled as landowners and clothiers at Broadway, near Ilminster, Somerset, and John Standerwick of that place contributed (or was obliged to pay) £25 towards the expenses of the defence of this country at the time of the threatened Spanish invasion, 1588. He lies buried under an altar-tomb in Broadway churchyard.\*

Our special branch of the Standerwick family is one which left Broadway about the year 1700, settling at Combe St. Nicholas in the same county. About sixty years later we find this branch at Bourton in Dorset, a place which it reached *via* Moreton, also in Dorset.† This branch of the family can always be recognised by its repeated use of "Nathaniel" as a Christian name.

We have a few notes bearing on the period when this branch of the family split off from the Broadway stock, and it will be seen that one (*viz.*: that for 1704/5) of these possibly indicates a reason for the later settlement in Dorset :

1685. Amongst a list of rebels delivered from prison to be transported to the Plantations the name of "Nath. Standerwick" occurs. This was in connection with Monmouth's Rebellion.‡

1695. John Thorne, of Broadway, in his will, dated 1695, mentions Isaac Standerwick as his son-in-law and refers to his (testator's) grandchildren Nathaniel Standerwick and Elizabeth, Nathaniel's sister. The Wells Transcripts of the Broadway parish-registers tell us that this John Thorne married Frances Knight at Broadway in 1640.§

1704. Nathaniel Standerwick, a tenant of the manor of

\* W. Locke Radford in "Notes and Queries," vol. clx, p. 356.

† Moreton is close to Dorchester.

‡ State Papers, 31/1, part 4, fol. 298.

§ Note made from the manuscript collections of the late Mr. John W. Standerwick, of Broadway, by permission of his son, Mr. Ernest Standerwick, of Sale, Cheshire.



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Combe St. Nicholas, having died leaving a will, his children, Francis, Sarah and William Standerwick, were admitted as tenants to certain copyholds of that manor in accordance with the said will.\*

- 1704-5. On 31 January 1704-5, Nathaniel Standerwick, of Combe St. Nicholas, yeoman, and Martha his wife (only child of William Foorte, late of Stockland, yeoman) filed a Bill of Complaint in Chancery against William Manfield, of Stockland, Dorset, butcher. This was about property in Dorset which came into the Standerwick family through the said Martha, who, we learn from it, was born about the year 1675.†
1711. William Standerwick, son of Nathaniel Standerwick, was admitted to a copyhold of the manor of Combe St. Nicholas.\*
1715. William Standerwick, of Broadway, in his will, dated 1715, mentions Nathaniel Standerwick, grandson of his brother John.\*
1722. Israel Standerwick, of Combe St. Nicholas, in his will, dated and proved in 1722, mentions his brother Nathaniel Standerwick and his sisters Martha and Leoney.‡
1725. Nathaniel Standerwick contributed 3s. quarterly rate to the Old Meeting at Ilminster.\*
1730. Nathaniel Standerwick, a tenant of the manor of Combe St. Nicholas, was a defendant in a Chancery lawsuit.§

It will be seen that, with our present knowledge, it would be unwise to attempt to tabulate the above information. There were evidently several Nathaniel Standerwicks in both the Broadway and Combe St. Nicholas families of Standerwick at this period. One or

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\* See Note § on page 119.

† Chancery Proceedings, Bridges, 632/16.

‡ Prerogative Court of the Archbishop of Canterbury, 35 Marlbro.

§ Chancery Proceedings, 1714-1758, 2658/6 and 8.



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other of these is likely to have been either identical with, or the father of, Nathaniel Standerwick, of Moreton, Dorset, living 1745, from whom we can trace a connected descent. The Christian name "Martha" in the above notes of 1704/5 and 1722 is significant as this is a name which occurs later among the Standerwicks of Bourton. As to the above-mentioned Nathaniel Standerwick, of Moreton, we know that he was a weaver and that he had two sons, Nathaniel and James. Unfortunately we have not succeeded in getting a record of his baptism, or of the baptisms of his two sons. As to the latter, they were probably entered in the registers of Moreton parish, but the extant registers there do not commence until 1741. We have tried the Bishop's Transcripts, but find that for Moreton such transcripts before 1741 exist only for the years 1731, 1733, 1734, 1738, 1739 and 1740. These few we have had searched, but the name Standerwick does not happen to occur in those years. The early Bishop's Transcripts of the registers of all Dorset parishes, including those of Moreton, were, we understand, destroyed by a fire at Blandford in the year 1730.

The elder of these two sons, Nathaniel, became a father in or about 1736, so we may assume that he himself was born not later than 1715. We deal with him and his descendants later under the heading of "II. Nathaniel Standerwick." For convenience we will take the younger brother first as his branch of the family has become extinct.

### I. JAMES STANDERWICK

In trying to arrive at the date of birth of James Standerwick, the younger son of Nathaniel Standerwick of Moreton, we have to consider certain facts. We know that he was apprenticed for seven years to John Bowles, glover, of London, in December, 1745, and also that he was admitted to the Glovers' Company less than six years later, *viz.* : in March 1750/1. It will be seen, therefore, that he did not serve his full apprenticeship period of seven years. The reason for this may have been that

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he was not bound until he was past the usual apprenticing age of 14 or 15 years, and it seems likely that he was nearer 19 years old at the time he was apprenticed. In any case, he must have been of age when he was admitted to the freedom of the Glovers' Company. Possibly he was born somewhere about the year 1726. As stated above, he, being described as a son of Nathaniel Standerwick, of Moreton, Dorset, weaver, was apprenticed on 16 December, 1745, for seven years to John Bowles, Citizen and Glover of London, and the tax on this indenture was duly paid on 11 January 1745/6.\*

On 14 March, 1750/1, James Standerwick was made free of the Glovers' Company of London by redemption.† In the records of the Glovers' Company we have references to 24 apprentices bound to James Standerwick(e) from 1751 to 1778, and three of these we note here as of interest to us :

1752      Aug. 5.—Mary Deffoe.  
1768/9    Feb. 24.—James Standerwick.  
1771      Mar. 27.—Elizabeth Standerwicke.

Their parentage is not stated.

In 1755 we first find James Standerwick established in business at Cornhill.‡

In 1758 he describes himself as a Haberdasher at the Wheatsheaf and Bird in Cornhill (*see* p. 65)§.

From 1760 to 1765 his name appears in the Directories with either "Cornhill" or "Haberdasher, Cornhill" against it.||

From 1768 to 1780 we find him given as either "Haberdasher, No. 74 Cornhill," or "Haberdasher, Cornhill."¶

\* Inland Revenue Records, 1/17, fol. 181.

† Records of the Glovers' Company.

‡ *London Directory*, 1755, *A Complete Guide*, etc.

§ Bill-head dated 2 March, 1758, in Ambrose Heal's collection.

|| *Universal Pocket Companion*, 1760 ; *Complete Guide*, 1763 and 1765 ; *Kent's Directory*, 1763.

¶ *London Directories*, 1768, 1773, 1778, 1779 and 1780 ; *Complete Guide*, 1770 and 1771 ; *Kent's Directory*, 1777 ; *New Complete Guide*, 1777.



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In 1768/9, as already noted, a James Standerwick was apprenticed to him (*see* also below under his son of that name). In 1781 he was a "Haberdasher, 50, Threadneedle Street."\*

Two years later we find he had taken his son into partnership, as we find "James Standerwick & Son, haberdashers, 23, Castle Court, Birchin Lane."† The following year the same entry appears except that the address is now given as 25, Castle Court,‡ but in that year, 1784, his wife's obituary notice (quoted later) describes him as "late of Cornhill, London, haberdasher," showing that by then he had left the working of the business in his son's hands. Two years later he starts a fresh business at the same address, for we find "James Standerwick, senr., Bedtick warehouse, 25, Castle Court, Birchin Lane."§ This entry is of very special interest to us, as it shows the first known connection between one who was related to us and a business associated with beds. It was not until 24 years later that Heal & Son was established, but we can trace this bedtick warehouse business in the allied family of Standerwick during nearly the whole of those 24 years.

"Mr. Jas. Standerwick, merchant," died at Stoke Newington on 26 October, 1787.|| As his wife was buried in the nave of St. Mary's, Stoke Newington, it is probable that he lies in the same grave. Anyhow, he is described as of that parish, a widower, at the time of his death, as may be seen from the grant of letters of administration of his goods on 13 November, 1787, to James Standerwick, his son.¶

Before closing this account of James Standerwick, senior, we should mention that just before his death his

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\* *The London Directory*, 1781.

† *Complete Guide*, 1783.

‡ *Lowndes's London Directory*, 1784.

§ *Kent's Directory*, 1786.

|| *Gentleman's Magazine*, 1787, p. 1025.

¶ Prerogative Court of the Archbishop of Canterbury, Administration Act-Book, 1787, November.



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bedtick warehouse was moved to 79, Cornhill, for *Kent's Directory*, 1788 (naturally prepared and printed at the end of 1787), gives us the following entry: "James Standerwick, senr., Bedtick warehouse, 79, Cornhill."

As to his wife: Her obituary notice\* is worth quoting in full:—

"13 March 1784. At Stoke Newington, Mrs. Sophia Standerwick, wife of Mr. James Standerwick, late of Cornhill, London, haberdasher, and daughter of Mr. Daniel Defoe, who died in North America some years since, and was son of the ingenious Daniel Defoe, of exalted memory, formerly an inhabitant of Stoke Newington, to which parish, on Easter Monday, being Apr. 10, 1721, he paid £10 to be excused serving parish offices."

We do not know when and where James Standerwick married Sophia Defoe but, as their son James (for whom see below) was old enough in 1768/9 to be apprenticed, we can place the date as in, or shortly before, 1754 when Sophia Defoe's husband would have been about 24 years of age. Daniel Defoe, the author of *Robinson Crusoe*, was a hosier of London, so the marriage of his granddaughter with a glover or haberdasher is comprehensible. As already noted, a Mary "Deffoe" (*sic*) was bound apprentice to the above-mentioned James Standerwick, senior.† She would probably be a niece of his wife's and a great granddaughter of the author.

Of the marriage between James Standerwick, senior, and Sophia Defoe we know only of one son, James, and one daughter, Celia. As this history of the daughter is more interesting to us (owing to her marriage with one of her Standerwick cousins at Bourton), we will deal with her first.

Celia Standerwick (daughter of James Standerwick by his wife Sophia Defoe):

John Standerwick and Celia Standerwick, both of

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\* *Gentleman's Magazine*, 1784, p. 238.

† Records of the Glovers' Company of London.

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Bourton in Gillingham at the time of their marriage, were married on 20 April, 1790, at Gillingham. They had five children, particulars of whom will be found later under the heading "III. Nathaniel Standerwick, Son of Nathaniel," because Celia's husband, John Standerwick, was a grandson of the Nathaniel Standerwick who settled at Bourton. Three of those five children died in infancy, but the two others, John and Sophia, are named in the will, dated 1812, of Celia's brother, James Standerwick, junior. At the time that will was made Celia was already dead and her husband had married again, having had three more children by his second wife. The youngest of those three children (Thomas Standerwick, born 1808), settled at Mere in Wiltshire, where his son, also named Thomas Standerwick is still (1932) living. We shall soon have occasion to refer to Mr. Thomas Standerwick's knowledge of his family.

We now come to :—

James Standerwick, junior (son of James Standerwick by his wife Sophia Defoe) :

On 24 February 1768 James Standerwick was apprentice to (his father) James Standerwick, Glover, of London.\*

We have already seen that he was the "Son" of "James Standerwick & Son" of Castle Court, Birchin Lane, in 1783 and 1784. However, within the next year or two he started as a stockbroker, for in 1786 we find "James Standerwick, junr., stockbroker, 5 Cowper's Court, Cornhill," and he is at the same address in 1788.†

As already noted, in 1787 he was granted letters of administration of his father's estate. He then moved his stockbroking business to 79, Cornhill, where his father had had a bedtick warehouse, and transferred

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\* Records of the Glovers' Company of London.

† *Kent's Directory*, 1786 and 1788.



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his late father's business to Finch Lane, Cornhill,\* turning it into a "bedstead warehouse." In 1792 he appears in a list of the Livery of London as "James Standerwick, Cornhill, Glovers' Coy. Profession—a sworn broker,"† and from 1793 to 1796 we have references to his having a bedtick warehouse at 24, Finch Lane, Cornhill.‡

In 1789 he was living at Highbury Place, Middlesex.§ Later he was of Ovington House, near Alresford, and was in the Commission of the Peace and Deputy Lieutenant for Hampshire. In 1812 he was of Millbrook, Hampshire, and died at Southampton on 22 August of that year. His will, dated 1 July 1812, was proved on 27 October following.||

He married Elizabeth Thomas and she was executrix of her husband's will in 1812. Her own will, dated 6 February, 1814, proved 20 September following,¶ describes her as of Highfield, Hampshire, a widow. Their only child, Elizabeth Standerwick, was born in or about 1779, being ten years of age in 1789.\*\*

She married Sir Thomas Richard Dyer, Bt., of South Stoneham, by marriage licence dated 11 April, 1814, from the Bishop of Winchester, but had no issue by him. In 1818 she was living at Ovington House, near Alresford, Hampshire.††

\* Accordingly *Walker's British Directory*, 1790, gives two entries: "James Standerwick, stockbroker, No. 79, Cornhill," and "James Standerwick, bedstead warehouse, Finch Lane, Cornhill."

† *Walker's British Directory*, 1792.

‡ *Kent's Directory*, 1793 and 1794; *London Guide and Merchant's Directory*, 1796.

§ Official List of the 1789 Tontine, p. 41.

|| See his obituary notices in the *Gentleman's Magazine*, Vol. 82, pp. 197 and 298, also the records of the Prerogative Court of the Archbishop of Canterbury, 473 Oxford.

¶ Records of the Prerogative Court of the Archbishop of Canterbury, 538 Bridport.

\*\* Official List of the 1789 Tontine, p. 41.

†† Official List of the Survivors in 1818 of the Contributor's Nominees to the Tontine of 1789, p. 54.



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Mr. Thomas Standerwick, of Mere, writes under date 3 October, 1931, that his relative, the widow of Sir Thomas Dyer, married an Austrian nobleman, Baron von Zance,

“but my people could never obtain access to her.

This lady lived at Clarges Street, Piccadilly. However, my father and uncle William-Thomas went to London and got possession of a sum of money which came through the discovery by a lawyer of the name of Hindley. They were informed that there were also some oxen in Bavaria which they could claim, and also an estate which it was doubtful about, as it had passed into the possession of others and held for many years without question. My father and uncle did not pursue the matter further.”

This indicates clearly that the direct descendants from the marriage of James Standerwick, senior, with Sophia Defoe had died out before that time, as otherwise no sum of money coming through the death of their granddaughter, the Baroness von Zance, would have reached the hands of the step-sons of their daughter, Celia Standerwick.

Having exhausted that branch, we now come to the elder brother of James Standerwick, senior :—

### II. NATHANIEL STANDERWICK.

We have already noted (*see p. 121*) that Nathaniel Standerwick, the weaver of Moreton, Dorset, who was living in 1745, had two sons, Nathaniel and James, and that his said son Nathaniel may be assumed to have been born not later than 1715, because he became a father in or about 1736. Owing to the loss of the Moreton parish registers, the first definite fact we have about James's brother Nathaniel is that he (with his second wife Jane and two of his sons by his unknown first wife, Nathaniel and William) settled at Bourton, in the parish of Gillingham, Dorset, in or shortly before the year 1754. He was buried at Pen-Selwood, Dorset, as “Nathaniel Standerwick of Bourton” on 7 January, 1763. In 1785 we find his widow Jane as the wife of James King. Nathaniel's two sons, Nathaniel and William, are obviously so

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much older than his other children born at Bourton that we have no hesitation in presuming that Jane was not his first wife ; the more so because Jane's children were born in 1754, 1756, 1759 and 1761. Before the youngest child was born both Nathaniel and William were married.

As Nathaniel's children by his first wife we place :—

1. Nathaniel, born, say, about 1736. We will deal with him and his descendants later under the heading :  
“ III. Nathaniel Standerwick, son of Nathaniel.”
2. William, born say about 1737. We will deal with him and his descendants later under the heading :  
“ IV. William Standerwick, son of Nathaniel.”

Nathaniel's children by Jane, his second wife, were :—

3. Elizabeth, baptized at Silton 16 September, 1754, and buried at Pen-Selwood as “ Elizabeth Standerwick from Bourton, aged 25,” on 5 January, 1780.
4. Sophia, baptized at Silton 16 August, 1756. She was living in 1785, being then mentioned in the will of her brother James.
5. Jane, baptized at Silton 26 March, 1759. On 7 July, 1782, John Burfit and Jane Standerwick, both of Bourton, were married at Gillingham. They are both mentioned in the will of her brother James, 1785.
6. James, baptized at Silton 5 November, 1761. He was buried at Pen-Selwood as “ James Standerwick of Bourton ” on 12 October, 1785. James Standerwick, of Bourton, in the parish of Gillingham, Dorset, cloth maker, made his will on 30 July, 1785. He gave the reversion of his copyholds, lying at Bourton, after the death of his mother, Jane (wife of Mr. James King), already surrendered to the uses of his will, to his sister, Jane, now wife of Mr. John Burfit, charged with the payment of £60 to his sister, Sophia. The residue he left to the said Jane, whom he made executrix. This will was proved 22 October, 1785, by the said Jane, wife of John Burfit.\*

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\* Register of the Peculiar Court of Gillingham, fol. 247.



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It is interesting to note that Nathaniel and Jane Standerwick, the parents of the last four children mentioned above, named two of them "James" and "Sophia" after Nathaniel's brother, James Standerwick, senior, and Sophia Defoe, the said James's wife.

We now come to the eldest son of the above Nathaniel by his first wife :—

### III. NATHANIEL STANDERWICK, SON OF NATHANIEL.

As already stated, this Nathaniel Standerwick was born before his father settled at Bourton. We have, for convenience, placed his approximate year of birth as about 1736. It is unlikely that this date is far out. We doubt whether his father was living at Moreton when he was born. He was buried at Pen-Selwood as "Nathanell Standerwick of Bourton" on 26 March, 1770. He married Ann ———, and she may be the Ann Standerwick who was buried at Pen-Selwood 28 July, 1798, though that burial entry may refer to her granddaughter of the same name who was baptized at Silton in 1789. Nathaniel and Ann Standerwick had four children :—

1. William Standerwick (twin with his sister Ann), baptized at Silton 15 February, 1759. On 31 January, 1783, William Standerwick, of Gillingham, bachelor, married Mary Carter, spinster, by licence, at Mere, Wiltshire. She would be the Mary Standerwick who was buried at Pen-Selwood 17 November, 1796.

They had three children :—

1. William, baptized at Silton 2 January, 1783, viz.: just before his parents' marriage if our dates are correct.
2. Ann, baptized at Silton 2 August, 1789. She may be the Ann Standerwick who was buried at Pen-Selwood 28 July, 1798, if this burial entry does not refer to her grandmother of the same name.
3. James, baptized at Silton 23 January, 1791. "James Standerwick of Bourton" was buried at Pen-Selwood 25 June, 1795.



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2. Ann (twin with her brother William), baptized at Silton 15 February, 1759. On 25 October, 1781, Francis Cox and Anne Standerwick, both of Bourton, were married at Gillingham. Francis Cox witnessed the Maggs-Standerwick marriage in 1782 (*see* Ann's sister Mary).
3. Mary, baptized at Silton 22 August, 1760. Her mother's name is then given as "Ann-Elizabeth" instead of "Ann." On 9 January, 1782, James Maggs, bachelor, and Mary Standerwick, spinster, both of Silton, were married by banns at Silton.
4. John, for whom *see below*.

John Standerwick (son of the above Nathaniel and Ann Standerwick), was baptized at Silton 22 April, 1762. He was buried as "John Standerwick, Bourton, 61 years," at Pen-Selwood, 3 December, 1824. He married twice. His first marriage is recorded at Gillingham on 20 April, 1790, and he and his bride, Celia Standerwick, are both then described as of Bourton. She was the daughter of James Standerwick, senior, and Sophia Defoe, as already mentioned.

John and Celia Standerwick were the parents of five children :—

1. John, baptized at Silton 7 April, 1791. He was buried at Pen-Selwood on 18 January, 1817, as "John Standerwick, Bourton, aged 25." He is mentioned, 1812, in the will of his maternal uncle, James Standerwick, junior.
2. Celia, baptized at Silton 12 July, 1792. She was buried at Pen-Selwood 18 February, 1796.
3. Elizabeth, baptized at Silton 19 June 1793. She was buried at Pen-Selwood as "Elizabeth Standerwick of Bourton" on 6 July, 1793.
4. James, baptized at Silton 23 September, 1794. He was buried at Pen-Selwood 30 November, 1795, as "James Standerwick of Bourton."
5. Sophia, mentioned in the will, dated 1812, of her maternal uncle, James Standerwick, junior.

John Standerwick, the father of the above five children,

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married secondly on 15 December, 1800, at Mere, Wiltshire. He is described as "John Standerwick of Bourton in Gillingham," and his bride as "Ann Moore, spinster." By her John had four more children :—

6. Elizabeth, baptized at Silton 1 January, 1802.
7. Ann. All we know about her is that her nephew, Mr. Thomas Standerwick, of Mere, writes :—

"My father had an older brother, William-Thomas, and two sisters, Ann and Elizabeth, all of whom, I believe, were born at Bourton."
8. William-Thomas, baptized at Silton 25 August, 1806. We have already mentioned him when writing about the Baroness von Zance.
9. Thomas, baptized at Silton 12 June, 1808. He settled at Mere about the middle of the 19th century and died in 1882. His son, Thomas, is still (1932) living at Mere, as is also Mr. W. L. Standerwick, the son of the last-named Thomas.

We now come to the younger son (by the first wife) of the Nathaniel Standerwick who settled at Bourton :—

### IV. WILLIAM STANDERWICK, SON OF NATHANIEL.

As already stated, this William Standerwick was born before his father settled at Bourton. We have, for convenience, placed his approximate year of birth as about 1737. It is unlikely that this date is far out. We doubt whether his father was living at Moreton when he was born. We first hear of him at the time of his marriage : William Standerwick, of Bourton, and Anne White, of Silton, were married by licence at Silton on 4 May, 1758. They had nine children :—

1. William, for whom *see* later.
2. "John the son of Wm. & Ann Standerwick of Bourton" was buried at Pen-Selwood 11 October, 1762.
3. Emme, baptized at Silton 26 July, 1765. On 20 July, 1785, Silas Cox, of Stourton, Wiltshire, married Emma Standerwick, of Gillingham, at the latter



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place. John Standerwick and Rachel Standerwick witnessed the marriage.

4. Rachel, baptized at Silton 28 May, 1766. She witnessed the Cox-Standerwick marriage in 1785 (*see* above, under her sister Emme) and the Standerwick-Maggs marriage in 1794 (*see* below, under her brother Nathaniel). She would be the "R. Standerwick" who witnessed the Heal-Standerwick marriage in 1805 (*see* p. 33).
5. Hannah, baptized at Silton in 1770.
6. Nathaniel, baptized at Silton 3 July, 1775. On 22 May, 1794, Nathaniel Standerwick, of Bourton in Gillingham, gent., and Elizabeth Maggs, of Silton, were married by licence at Silton. "Nathaniel Standerwick, Bourton, aged 38" was buried at Pen-Selwood 19 June, 1813. The following is an extract from the inside of the cover of the first burial register of St. George's Church, Bourton:—

"The following is the first monumental inscription within the Chapel of Bourton

G. M. Webster, Perpetual Curate.

Sacred to the memory of  
Nathaniel Standerwick

who was one of the Committee of twelve appointed to superintend the erection of this Chapel, and was a zealous promoter of the cause in which he was engaged; He was the first of that number who left this transitory world for the mansions of Eternity

having departed this life

June 15th 1813

Aged 38 years."

The will of Nathaniel Standerwick, of Bourton, linen-manufacturer, was proved on 6 December, 1813.\*

By it he left his copyhold and freehold property

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\*Prerogative Court of the Archbishop of Canterbury, 620 Heathfield.



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in trust to Josiah Maggs and James Maggs, both of Silton, linen manufacturers, for the benefit of his wife Elizabeth for her life, then for equal division between all his children. He mentions his two eldest sons, Nathaniel and James, and also refers to the fact that his son Francis has "a defect in his sight."

Nathaniel and Elizabeth were the parents of seven children :—

1. Elizabeth, baptized at Silton 20 July, 1795.
2. Nathaniel, baptized at Silton 23 February, 1796. He is named in his father's will, 1813. Nathaniel Standerwick, of Gillingham, had the Bishop of Winchester's licence on 1 June, 1825, to marry Elizabeth Davis, of Odiham, aged 22 ; the marriage to be at Odiham.

In 1832 he witnessed the marriage at Gillingham of Thomas Harding with Maria-Standerwick Heal (*see* p. 35). Nathaniel and Elizabeth were the parents of three children :—

1. Catherine-Mary, baptized at Bourton 14 July, 1826.
2. Nathaniel, baptized at Bourton 2 June, 1829.
3. John-Charles, baptized at Bourton 15 February, 1831.

The father of these three children was described as a manufacturer in 1826, and as a yeoman in 1829 and 1831.

3. James, baptized at Silton 9 September, 1800. He is named in his father's will, 1813.

In 1824 he married Martha Heal (daughter of Ambrose Heal by Martha Standerwick, his wife), and they were the parents of :—

1. Eliza-Emma, born about 1840, who married at Manchester 7 September, 1872, John Bland (*see* pp. 33 and 34).
- ? 2. Arthur Standerwick, who witnessed the said Bland-Standerwick marriage in 1872.

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4. Francis, baptized at Silton 8 August, 1803, his date of birth being recorded as 2 April. He became a butcher and married Ann — by whom he had a son :—
  1. George-Taunton, baptized at Bourton 23 May, 1824.
5. Edward, baptized at Silton 6 June, 1805.
6. Henry, baptized at Silton 3 August, 1807.
7. Charlotte, baptized at Silton 27 December, 1808, having been first privately baptized on 17 June. On 26 April, 1814, Charlotte Standerwick, of Bourton, was buried at Pen-Selwood.
7. Elizabeth, baptized at Silton 30 August, 1778. On 9 May, 1804, Daniel Butt and Elizabeth Standerwick, both of Bourton, were married at Gillingham. Maria Standerwick was one of the witnesses.
8. Maria, baptized at Silton 18 June, 1780. In 1804 she witnessed the Butt-Standerwick marriage (*see* her sister Elizabeth).
9. Martha, baptized at Silton 19 May, 1782. She died 20 November, 1849, aged 67. She married at St. Anne's, Soho, Westminster, on 13 June, 1805, Ambrose Heal, who was a native of Gillingham. They are both buried at Monkton Combe, where there is an inscription to their memory (*see* pp. 33 and 107–108).

We now come to the eldest of the above nine children :

### V. WILLIAM STANDERWICK, SON OF WILLIAM.

William Standerwick was born in or about the year 1760, being 48 years old when he died in 1808. About the year 1781 he married Elizabeth, daughter of William Sloocombe, of Broomfield, near Bridgwater, Somerset, a wheeler. He had a bed-tick warehouse at No. 13, Great St. Helen's from 1798 until his death,\* and during that

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\**London Directory*, 1798 and 1799; *Kent's Directory*, 1798, 1800, 1802, 1804, 1806; *New Annual Directory*, 1800; *Holden's Triennial Directory*, 1805-7.



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period he is also described as a merchant. In his will, dated 20 August 1807, he describes himself as “of Hackney, Middlesex, gent.” By this will he left to James Maggs, of Silton, Dorset, and Nathaniel Standerwick, of Bourton, Dorset, bedtick manufacturers, and to John White, of Mere, Wiltshire, gent., all his property in trust for them to sell the same, paying his debts, funeral and testamentary expenses, also his legacies, and investing the residue in Government stock. Of this they were to set apart for his daughter Mary till she was 21 as much of the said stock as had been purchased with £100. Of the residue, one-quarter of the annual yield was to be paid to his son William until he was 30, one-quarter for the bringing-up of his son James till he was 25, and the remaining quarters for the bringing-up of his daughters Anne and Mary until they were 30 and 25 respectively. On the children attaining their said ages their portions were to be assigned to them for their own use with the benefit of survivorship. To his father-in-law, William Slocombe, of Broomfield, near Bridgwater, Somerset, wheeler, he left £20. Towards building a Methodist Dissenting Chapel in Bourton, Dorset (if same were done within five years), he left £10.

“It shall and may be lawful for my executors to permit the monies now due and owing to me on mortgage from Messrs. Maggs, Heal & Rood,\* to remain on the said security so long as they think proper, and also to permit any sum owing to me from the said Messrs. Maggs, Heal & Rood over and above the said mortgages to remain outstanding at interest from 1st March 1808 till 1st March 1809.”

He appointed as his executors his said trustees, and made them guardians of his infant children. To this will he added a codicil the same day to the effect that his son William's portion was to be paid when his said son was 40, instead of 30, unless his executors found it proper to pay it at 30. This will was proved on 13 April 1808.†

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\* See p. 70.

† Prerogative Court of the Archbishop of Canterbury, 335 Ely.



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He was buried at St. Helen's, Bishopsgate, 1 January 1808 as "William Standerwick, senior, aged 48 years."

William and Elizabeth Standerwick were the parents of eight children :—

1. Elizabeth, buried at St. Helen's, Bishopsgate, 30 August 1806. Her age is then incorrectly given as "33 yrs." She would have been born about 1782, and so would have been 23 years old at her death.
2. William, born in or about 1783. He is named in his father's will, dated 20 August 1807, but died about a month after that will was made, being buried at St. Helen's, Bishopsgate, on 17 September 1807 as "William Standerwick, junior, aged 24 years."
3. James, named in his father's will, 1807, then not 25.
4. Anne, named in her father's will, 1807, then not 30.
5. Mary, born 5 November 1799, baptized at St. Helen's, Bishopsgate, 1 December. She is named in her father's will, 1807.
6. Maria, born 26 January 1801, baptized at St. Helen's, Bishopsgate, 22 February. She was buried there 21 March 1807.
7. Henry, born 24 October 1802, baptized at St. Helen's, Bishopsgate, 21 November. He was buried there 11 June 1807.
8. Rachel, born 17 September 1804, baptized at St. Helen's, Bishopsgate, 10 October. She was buried there 1 November 1805.

Mrs. Standerwick, of 100, Talbot Road, Blackpool (the mother of the men who own Standerwick's Motor Charabancs and Garages—Messrs. W. Standerwick, Ltd., Chapel Street, Blackpool), is said to be interested in the branch of the Standerwick family which uses the Christian name "Nathaniel," but a letter sent to her on 23 November 1931 elicited no reply. We believe that her branch was out in South Africa for a short time.

There are a few miscellaneous Standerwick notes which appear to relate to our branch of the family, but further

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research would be necessary to incorporate them in their correct places. They are given below for the benefit of any future investigator :—

- 1727. William Standerwick married Mary Meacham by licence at Combe St. Nicholas, 10 October.
- 1732. Joseph Standerwick married Elizabeth Toucher, of Ilton, at Combe St. Nicholas, 23 May.
- 1748. Francis Standerwick, of Combe St. Nicholas, married Sarah Austin, of Chard, at Combe St. Nicholas, 30 April.
- 1782. Robert Standerwick and Sarah Scriven married at Combe St. Nicholas, 28 August.
- 1787. David Trat and Sarah Standerwick married at Combe St. Nicholas, 16 October.
- 1799. Edwin Standerwick, of Bourton, buried at Pen-Selwood, 9 February.
- 1807. R. Standerwick, Vinegar merchant, St. James's Buildings, Clerkenwell. (Holden's *Triennial Directory*, 1805-7, published in 1808.)
- 1813. Ann Standerwick witnessed the marriage of Robert Elliott Everatt at Gillingham, 18 February.
- 1820. Mary Standerwick, of Bourton, aged 20, was buried at Silton, 20 January.
- 1820. George Luffman, of Bayford, in the parish of Stoke Trister, married Ann Standerwick, of Bourton, at Gillingham, 7 November.
- 1821. Joseph Long, of Gillingham, married Ann Standerwick, of Bourton, at Gillingham, 8 May. W. H. Folliott and Eliz. Standerwick witnessed the marriage.
- 1829. Elizabeth-Mary Standerwick, of Bourton, aged 6 months, was buried at Pen-Selwood, 18 March.
- 1829. Louisa Standerwick, of Hendon, Middlesex, aged 5 months, was buried at St. Helen's, Bishopsgate, 3 July.
- 1834. In the Clergy desk at Silton Church there is a small, very worn, old Bible, inside which is written in a bold hand : "C. T. Standerwick, 1834." The Vicar of Silton thinks from the handwriting that this is the name of a man.

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1834. Christina Rachel Standerwick, of New Basinghall Street, aged 7 months and 18 days, was buried at St. Helen's, Bishopsgate, 27 December.
1852. Rachel-Standerwick Gray, of Kentish Town, Middlesex, aged 31, was buried at Silton, 26 April.

It will be seen from the foregoing pages that we have full proof that Martha Standerwick, the wife of Ambrose Heal, was a member of the Standerwick family of Bourton in Gillingham, Dorset, and that her father was the nephew of Daniel Defoe's granddaughter. Further research is unnecessary to confirm those two points but should be directed towards establishing the exact connection between her grandfather (Nathaniel Standerwick, of Moreton, 1745) and the old Standerwick family of Broadway. The recent generations of our branch should also receive more attention than we have been able to give to them.

A. H.

*February, 1932.*























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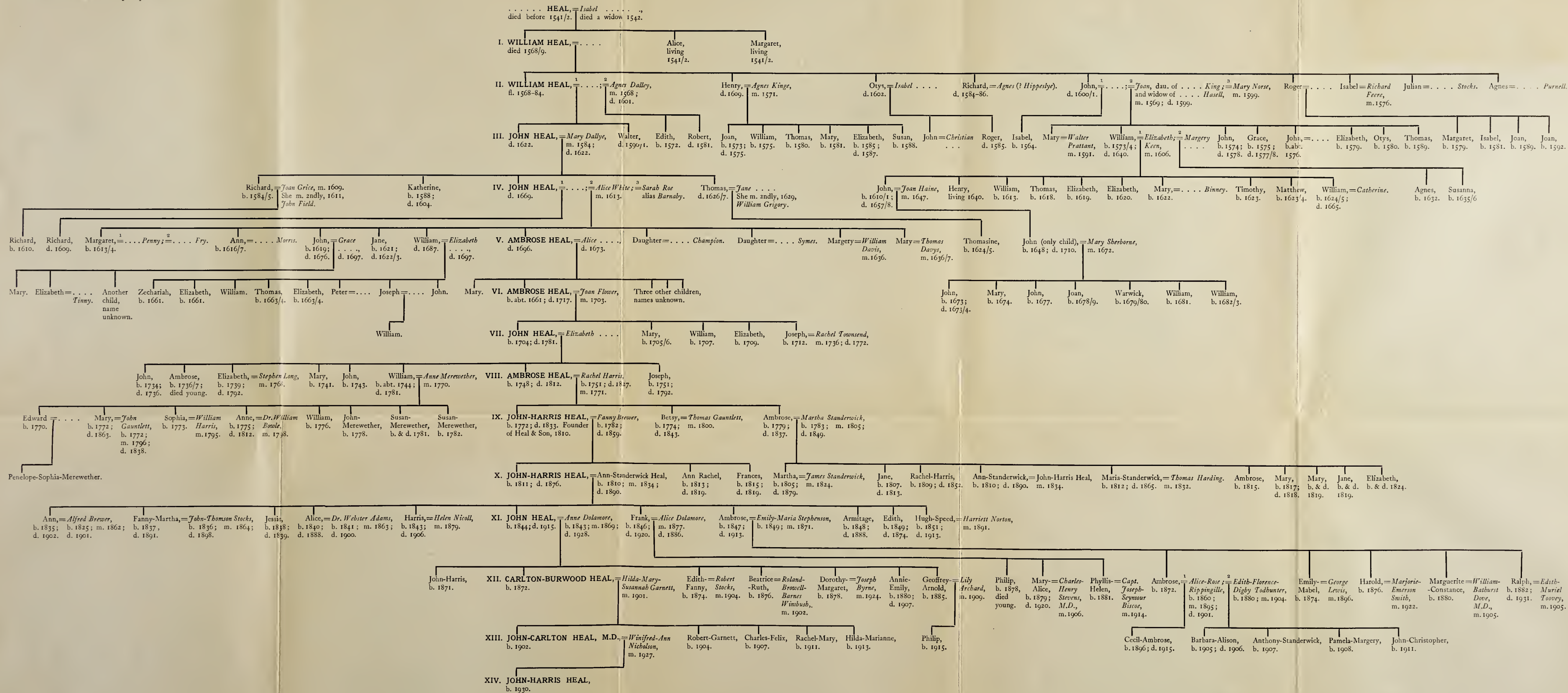


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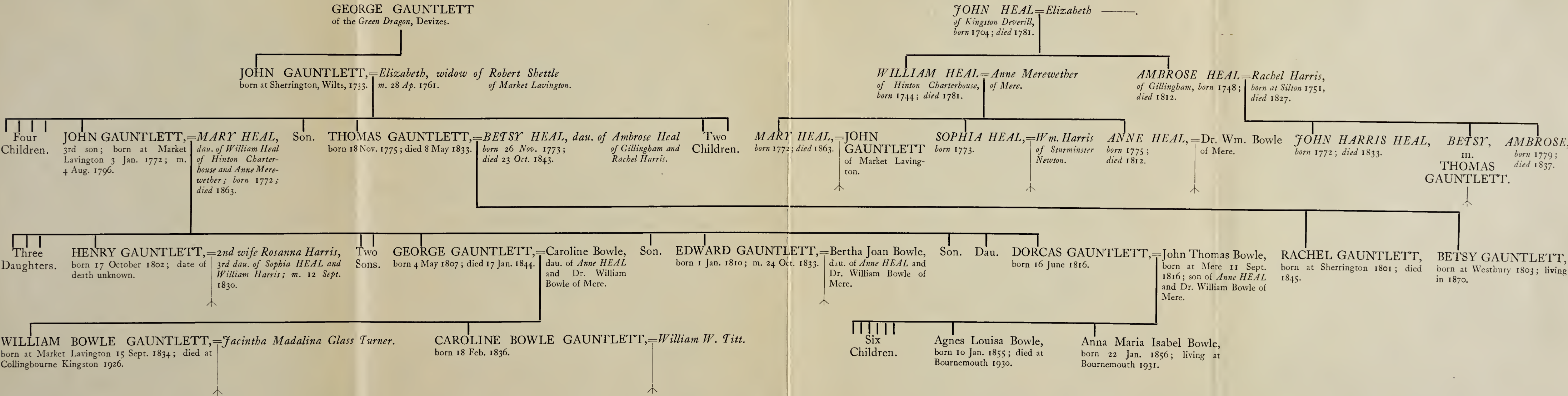


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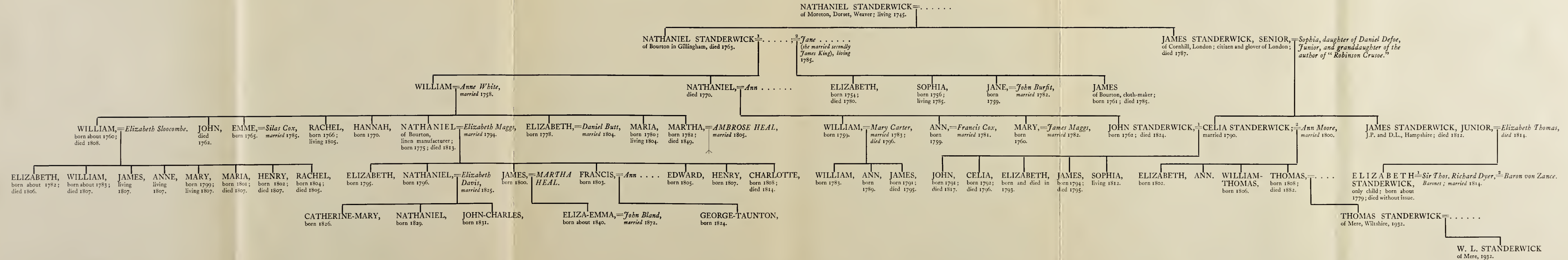


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